

Advice on debt? Europe suggests U.S. can keep it

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WROCLAW, Poland – The United States has long been considered a financial adviser to the rest of the world. But these days, U.S. officials come carrying baggage.

Financial officials from the United States, once called “the committee to save the world” after the Asian crisis in the 1990s, now find themselves uttering apologies for the harm caused to the world by the 2008 financial crisis and coating their advice to European countries with the knowing nod of the battle-hardened.

The change in tone was on display here Friday when Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner made an unusual appearance at a meeting of eurozone finance ministries. Geithner had been invited to offer some advice on fixing Europe’s sovereign debt and banking problems.

European leaders, who have been slow to react to the root causes of the problem, emerged from the meeting dismissive of Geithner’s ideas and, in some cases, even the idea that the United States was in a position to give out such pointers.

“I found it peculiar that, even though the Americans have significantly worse fundamental data than the eurozone, that they tell us what we should do,” Maria Fekter, the finance minister of Austria, said after the meeting Friday morning. “I had expected that, when he tells us how he sees the world, that he would listen to what we have to say.” □

Horrific Scene



Two wingwalkers from the Breitling team fly. A World War II era fighter plane plunged into the grandstands Friday during a popular annual air show, injuring at least 75 spectators and leaving a horrific scene of bodies and wreckage.

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Official:

More than 75 injured in air race crash

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RENO, Nevada (AP) — A World War II era fighter plane plunged into the grandstands Friday during a popular annual air show, injuring at least 75 spectators and leaving a horrific scene of bodies and wreckage.

the scope of it. The hospitals have certainly geared up and staffed up to deal with it."

The P-51 Mustang crashed into a box seat area at the front of the grandstand at about 4:30 p.m. local time, race spokesman Mike Draper said.

KRNV-TV weatherman Jeff Martinez, who was just out-

trained personnel to come and help. Within about two minutes the ambulance crews were loading people up and transporting them away."

After the crash Sargis went up a few rows into the grandstand to view the downed plane.

"It appeared to be just pulverized," he said.



Medics help injured bystanders out of a helicopter into Renown Medical Center after a plane crashed into the crowd at the Reno National Championship Air Races Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 in Reno, Nev. A World War II era fighter plane plunged into the grandstands Friday during a popular annual air show, injuring at least 75 spectators and leaving a horrific scene of bodies and wreckage.

(AP Photo/The Reno Gazette-Journal, Liz Margerum)

It wasn't immediately known if anyone died in the crash but a spokesman for the event called it a "mass casualty situation." Video showed a chaotic scene with several people apparently badly wounded.

Stephanie Kruse, a spokeswoman for the Regional Emergency Medical Service Authority, said 25 people were critically injured and another 25 people were seriously hurt in the crash. More than 25 more people were treated for minor injuries, she said.

Kruse said the critically injured were considered to have life-threatening injuries.

"This is a very large incident, probably one of the largest this community has seen in decades," Kruse told The Associated Press. "The community is pulling together to try to deal with

side the air race grounds at the time, said the plane veered to the right and then "it just augered straight into the ground."

"You saw pieces and parts going everywhere," he said. "Everyone is in disbelief."

Another witness, Ronald Sargis, said he was sitting in the box seat area near the finish line when the crash occurred.

"We could see the plane coming around the far turn — it was in trouble," Sargis told KCRA-TV in Sacramento. "About six or seven boxes down from us, it impacted into the front row." He said the pilot seemed to do everything he could to avoid crashing into the crowd. Response teams immediately went to work, Sargis said.

"They put out a call for any medically trained or police

Draper identified the pilot of the P-51 Mustang as Jimmy Leeward of Florida.

Leeward is the owner of the Leeward Air Ranch Racing Team and is a well-known racing pilot.

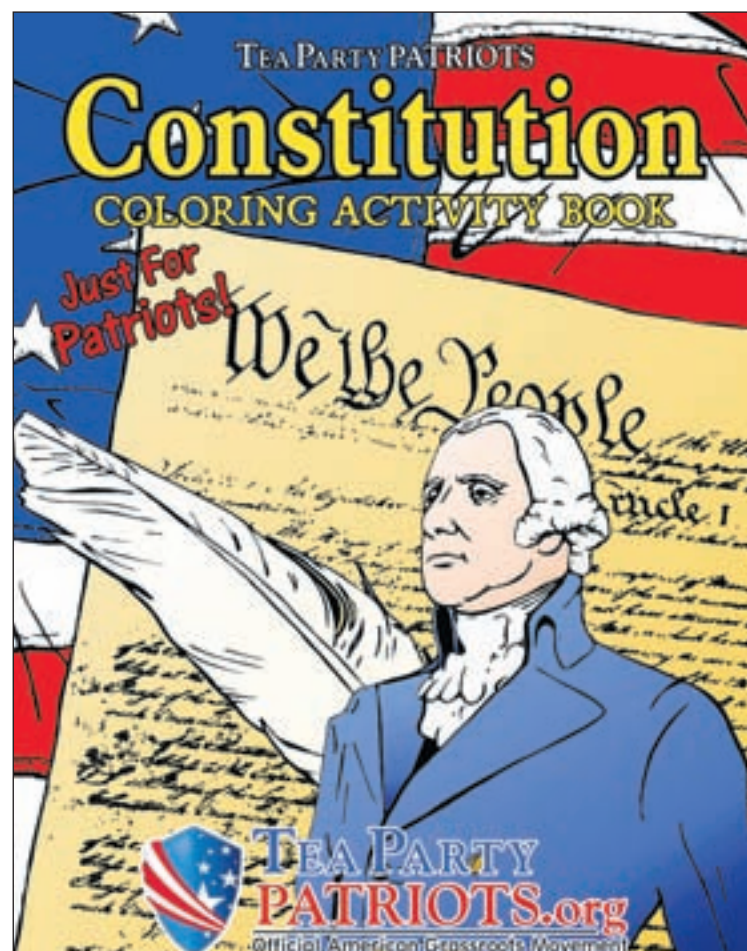
His website says he has flown more than 120 races and served as a stunt pilot for numerous movies, including "Amelia" and "Cloud Dancer."

In an interview with the Ocala Star-Banner in Florida last year, he described how he has flown 250 types of planes and has a particular fondness for the P-51.

"They're more fun. More speed, more challenge. Speed, speed and more speed," he said.

The National Championship Air Races draws thousands of people every year in September to watch various military and civilian planes race. □

A fight over the Constitution



An undated handout photo of the cover of the Tea Party Patriots' Constitution Coloring & Activity Book, which shows the government as bigger than what the Constitution allows. The struggle over Constitution Day is yet another proxy in the fight over the proper role of government.

(The New York Times)

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In the 100 years since Constitution Day was established, most Americans have lumped it with holidays like Grandparents' Day and Administrative Assistants' day — a noble cause, lightly observed.

But this year, with the Tea Party making the Constitution sexy again, the holiday (which, for those rusty on their civics, falls on Saturday) has become occasion for battle.

Tea Party groups, armed with lesson plans and coloring books, have been pushing schools to use the day to teach a conservative interpretation of the Constitution, where the federal government is a creeping and unwelcome presence in the lives of freedom-loving Americans. Progressive groups, accusing the Tea Party of selectively reading the founding document, have responded with a campaign to "take back the Constitution." They are urging Americans and law-

makers to sign a pledge to honor the entire Constitution, even the parts many Tea Party supporters would prefer to ignore — say, the amendments allowing an income tax and granting birthright citizenship. And they are trying to get people to see the Constitution not as a limit on federal power but as the spirit behind many progressive laws. The struggle over the holiday is yet another proxy in the fight over the proper role of government. On one side are those who embrace an "originalist" view of the Constitution, where New Deal judicial activism started the country down the path to ruin. On the other are those who say that its language — allowing Congress to levy taxes to provide "for the general welfare," to regulate commerce, and to do what is "necessary and proper" to carry out its role — affirms the broad role of the federal government that has developed over the past 100 years. □



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Polls:

Support for Obama slipping among base

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President Barack Obama's support is eroding among elements of his base and a yearlong effort to recapture the political center has failed to attract independent voters, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News poll, leaving him vulnerable at a moment when pessimism over the country's direction is greater than at any other time since he took office.

The president's effort to seize the initiative on the economy was well-re-

ceived by the public, and clear majorities support crucial pieces of his new job-creation program. But despite Obama's campaign to sell the plan to Congress and voters, more than half of those questioned said they feared the economy was already in or was headed for a double-dip recession, and nearly three-quarters think the country is on the wrong track.

Republicans appear more energized than Democrats at the outset of the 2012 presidential campaign but have not coalesced



In this photo taken Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, President Barack Obama gestures while speaking in Alexandria, Va.

around a candidate. Even as the party's nominating contest seems to be narrowing to a race between Mitt Romney and Gov. Rick Perry of Texas, a majority of their respective supporters say they have reservations about their candidate. Half of the Republicans who plan to vote in a primary say they would like more choices.

A snapshot of the Republican Party, four months before the first primary ballots are cast, shows that voters are evenly divided between preferring a presidential nominee who can defeat Obama or one who aligns with them on most issues. A majority of voters who support the Tea Party movement place a higher priority on winning back the White House.

The Republican primary campaign is unfolding in a more conservative electorate than four years ago, with 7 in 10 Republican voters calling themselves con-

servative and one-quarter calling themselves moderate.

The poll, conducted after Obama's economic address to Congress last week, contains considerable warning signs for the president. The poll found a 12-point jump since late June, to 43 percent, in the number of Americans who say the economy is getting worse. And, for the first time since he took office, his disapproval rating has reached 50 percent in the Times and CBS News polls.

"I don't disapprove of Barack Obama as a person, but as a president he has disappointed me greatly," said Ann Sheets, 69, a Democrat from Chattanooga, Tenn., speaking in a follow-up interview.

Sheets added, "I'm realistic enough to know how difficult it is, and I am not against compromise, but I voted for a backbone. You have to draw some lines in the sand, and I don't think

he has done that."

The poll found a 43 percent approval rating for Obama. It is significantly higher than for Jimmy Carter, who had an approval rating of 31 percent at a similar time in his presidency, according to the Times and CBS poll, which showed Ronald Reagan with an approval of 46 percent and George H.W. Bush at 70 percent.

The president's support has fallen to its lowest levels across parts of the diverse coalition of voters who elected him, including women, suburbanites and college graduates. And a persistent effort over the past year to reclaim his appeal to independent voters has shown few signs of bearing fruit, with 59 percent voicing disapproval.

While Obama has not yet succeeded in winning over independent voters, who comprise the most influential piece of the electorate, neither have Republicans. The field is largely unknown to independents, and few have a favorable opinion of any of the candidates.

As the Republican Party experiences something of a reinvention, with Tea Party activists often clashing with the party's weakening establishment, the poll found an overall electorate that is not entirely in step with the campaign messages of the party's candidates.

More than 8 in 10 Republican voters would like to see the national health care law repealed, at least in part. □

Base lockdown looked Ominous, no gunman found

TUCSON, Arizona (AP) — Early on, it looked ominous when an Air Force base on the southern edge of Tucson was locked down Friday morning amid unconfirmed reports of gunfire. In the end, no shots were fired, and no weapons and gunman were found.

Traffic into the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base was limited as the unspecified security situation was first announced. Schools on the base were locked down. Ambulances and fire engines were rushed to the base, and a TV station reported that emergency workers were responding to a possible patient with multiple gunshot wounds.

This southern Arizona city was already rattled by January's shooting rampage that killed six people and wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 12 others. And then there was the specter of the 2009 shooting in Texas at Fort Hood.

But, as it turned out, no shots were actually fired. And an ambulance that went to the sprawling base where 6,100 airmen and 1,700 civilians work turned out to be responding to a more conventional call: A woman had gone into labor. Col. John Cherrie, commander of the base, said officials were satisfied it was safe after a "floor-by-floor, room-by-room" search of the building where a gunman was reported. "No gunman or weapon was found," Cherrie said. The commander, who held a two-minute news conference to discuss the five-hour lockdown, didn't answer questions from reporters. □

GOP leaders find things to like about jobs plan

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WASHINGTON – House Republican leaders rejected some main elements of President Barack Obama's jobs plan Friday but told

White House, they have taken a more guarded approach toward the president's jobs agenda, trying to avoid the rancor and voter disgust that divided government has pro-



Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, left, gives former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney a pat on the back at a conservative Freedom Foundation of Minnesota event in Bloomington, Minn. Pawlenty is endorsing Mitt Romney for president. That's the word from Romney's campaign. Pawlenty is a former Minnesota governor who dropped out of the GOP nomination race last month after a poor showing in the Iowa straw poll.

(AP Photo/Craig Lässig,File)

their rank-and-file members that they would support other components. Approvals ranged from the well-publicized parts, like an extension of the payroll tax holiday, to the more obscure, like continuing depreciation write-offs for businesses.

After a week of gingerly walking the line of conciliation, Speaker John A. Boehner and Rep. Eric Cantor, the majority leader, sent a letter to their members specifying a few areas where they found common ground with Obama, who presented his proposed list of tax cuts and spending programs to Congress this month.

Obama is also expected next week to suggest ways to cut the deficit to a bipartisan joint committee charged with recommending cuts and to include his jobs package as part of the proposals.

While Republicans spent the first half of the year hammering on nearly every idea presented by the

duced.

"We believe there are areas of common agreement," the letter said, "and areas worthy of further conversation where agreement, assuming there are good faith discussions, may be possible."

Among the areas of agreement that Boehner and Cantor cite is the extension of the payroll tax holiday for employees and small business, although the letter criticizes the fine points of that proposal. They also said their party could back protections for small businesses against certain types of securities regulations, the extension of the ability of businesses to expense the cost of certain properties and tax credits for business that hire veterans. House Republicans also like the idea of a training program for unemployed workers.

But the leaders also said there were "some aspects of the president's proposal where it will be harder to find common ground." □

Patent reform law is the first big change in 60 years

GARY MARTIN

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WASHINGTON – As part of his push to create jobs, President Obama on Friday signed a patent reform bill that provides the first major changes in patent law since 1952.

The president signed the bill during a ceremony at an Alexandria, Va., high school, where he watched science demonstrations and talked about American ingenuity and inventions that spur economic growth.

He also used the event to pitch his \$447 billion jobs bill, which has drawn opposition from Republicans and some Democrats in Congress.

"This change in our patent laws is part of our agenda for making us competitive over the long term," Obama said told about 650 students, lawmakers and business leaders at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, a magnet school in Northern Virginia.

Obama said his jobs bill "puts more people back to work and it puts more money into the pockets of working Americans."

The president called on Republicans, who have voiced opposition to spending proposals, to back the jobs bill just as they did the patent reform bill.



President Barack Obama, accompanied by legislators, business leaders, and students, signs the America Invents Act, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

He singled out sponsors of the America Invents Act, Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, and Sen. Pat Leahy, D-Vt., for their efforts in passing the bill with overwhelming bipartisan support in the House and Senate. Both lawmakers attended the signing ceremony.

Smith said the patent bill is "one of the most significant job creation bills enacted by Congress this year."

"This will enable companies of any size to bring more products more quickly. That will create more jobs," Smith said.

The House passed the bill, 304-117, earlier this year and the Senate approved it by an 89-9 margin.

Research universities, technology firms and various business groups supported the reforms in the bill.

Opposition came from a coalition of religious conservatives, including Richard Land with the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Convention, who argued that the bill would allow human genes to be patented, as well as some small businesses worried that the changes favored large firms with more access to more capital.

Phyllis Schlafly, founder of the conservative Eagle Forum and one of the leading critics of the bill, said the bill "stacks the deck overwhelmingly in favor of the large corporations pushing the bill, who are better staffed and funded to file applications, and devastates the economy's largest jobs-creating sector, small businesses and start-up entities." □

Brennan maps out Osama bin Laden raid doctrine

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AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will keep targeting al-Qaida anywhere in the world, including in countries unable or unwilling to do it themselves, the top U.S. counterterror official said Friday.

White House counterterror chief John Brennan laid out what could be called the Osama bin Laden raid doctrine, in remarks at Harvard Law School. He says

under international law, the U.S. can protect itself with pre-emptive action against suspects the U.S. believes present an imminent threat, wherever they are.

That amounts to a legal defense of the unilateral Navy SEAL raid into Pakistan that killed al-Qaida mastermind bin Laden in May, angering Pakistan. It also explains the thinking behind other covert counterterrorist action, like the CIA's armed drone campaign that only

this week killed a top al-Qaida operative in Pakistan's tribal areas. The Obama administration has quadrupled drone strikes against al-Qaida targets since taking office.

The Obama administration has more recently expanded drone strikes and the occasional special-operations raid into areas like Somalia, where the weak government may be willing to fight al-Qaida but lacks the resources. □

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Couple accused of stealing millions intended for meals

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NEW YORK — A Staten Island couple stole at least \$2.5 million in federal funds meant for nutritious meals for preschoolers, prosecutors asserted in a criminal complaint unsealed Friday. The complaint accused the couple, Joanna Fan and her husband, Ziming Shen, of siphoning money over five years from accounts at the nonprofit Red Apple Child Development Center preschool chain, of which Fan, also known as Xaio Ping, is the executive director.

The complaint accused the couple of using the money to make mortgage payments on several Manhattan condominiums and to benefit their private business interests, which include Preschool of America Inc., a chain of about a dozen for-profit preschools in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens. The couple surrendered to agents of the U.S. Agriculture Department on Friday and were arraigned before Magistrate Judge James Orenstein of U.S. District Court in Brooklyn. They pleaded not guilty and posted bail of \$750,000 each.

The judge restricted their movement to parts of New York and ordered them to surrender their passports.

"They're going to defend this vigorously, and obviously all the facts have not come out," Barry W. Agulnick, Shen's lawyer, said after the arraignment. The charge, theft from programs receiving federal funds, is punishable by up

to 10 years in prison and a fine, said Robert Nardoza, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

"As alleged in the complaint, this amounts to one of the largest lunch money thefts in history," Nardoza said.

Red Apple Child Development Center runs six preschools in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island. Between 2002 and 2010, the preschools received \$13.5 million from the Agriculture Department through a program intended to help institutions provide healthy meals and snacks to children.

Audits by the New York State Health Department and the federal Agricul-



Ziming Shen, whom with his wife Xiao Ping Fan siphoned money from the accounts of the New York not-for-profit preschool chain Red Apple Child Development Center, reacts to a photographer outside a Federal Building Courthouse in New York, Sept. 16, 2011. Prosecutors asserted in a criminal complaint unsealed on Friday that the couple was arrested and accused of defrauding the federal government of up to \$2.7 million meant for nutritious meals for preschoolers.



Xiao Ping Fan, left, with her husband, Ziming Shen, of the preschool chain Red Apple Child Development Center, get into a scuffle with a news photographer outside a federal courthouse in New York, Sept. 16, 2011.

ture Department since 2005 revealed a pattern of false submissions to the Agriculture Department, including lying about how many children were getting the meals, the complaint charges. For example, the

(Uli Seit/The New York Times)

in 2008, Fan issued a check for \$200,000 from the federal lunch money account to make personal condominium payments and also withdrew \$110,000 to pay her personal income taxes. Between 2005 and 2010, the complaint asserts, \$2.7 million went to Supermarket, a company Shen owned, to provide meals to the preschoolers. But the complaint said invoices indicate the company spent only \$24,000 for food during that period.

In all, according to the complaint, Fan stole approximately \$1.8 million of program funds in 2008 and 2009. She acknowledged in a written statement to the Agriculture Department that she had taken the money but stated that she had "borrowed" it, the complaint charged.

Fan has been a trustee

of Red Apple since it was founded in 1997, and a review of recent federal tax records showed that the couple has profited in other ways. The corporation paid Shen \$455,000 in 2008 for classroom rent. Fan received \$105,000 annually for her work as executive director.

As he left the courthouse, Shen attacked news photographers and grabbed one's camera.

Red Apple had revenue of roughly \$11 million in 2008. Previous annual filings showed that about half of that was from federal payments.

In August 2004, John C. Liu, the city comptroller, who was then a city councilman, spoke in support of the organization. It had been cut off from receiving city contracts for three years because a Red Apple executive allegedly tried to bribe a city inspector to ignore a falsified certificate of occupancy, The Daily News reported at the time.

Liu said at that time that he believed that Red Apple should again receive city funds because it had cut ties with that official and because it remained the largest provider of prekindergarten services to the Asian community.

But Liu was also sensitive to appearances; according to his spokesman, Matthew Sweeney, in July 2004, Liu returned a \$500 campaign contribution that Fan had given him nine days earlier, piqued because Fan had asked for a meeting immediately after sending in the money. □

Sure, Obama can fire his staff, but should he?

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WASHINGTON – He has probably been quoted more than any pundit on the planet since 1992 (which, by the way, was the last time he actually won a U.S. campaign), but when James Carville opens his mouth, Democrats still tend to listen. And so it got a lot of people talking this week when Carville, in an open letter for President Barack Obama on CNN's website, urged the struggling president to follow the example of some of his predecessors and just fire a bunch of people.

"For God's sake, why are we still looking at the same political and economic advisers that got us into this mess?" Carville asked. "It's not working. Furthermore, it's not going to work with the same team, the same strategy and the same excuses."

The remarks resonated in part because some Democrats on Capitol Hill and even at the White House appear to be circling ominously around



FILE -- White House Chief of Staff William Daley looks on as President Barack Obama answers questions during a news conference at the White House, in Washington, Feb 15, 2011. Critics on the left fear that Daley is too focused on finding compromises with Republicans.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

Bill Daley, Obama's chief of staff. Since taking over the job in January, Daley has reportedly hardened the lines of command in the West Wing while also limiting access to the president. He deserves some credit for having deftly handled complex situations, most notably the operation against Osama bin Laden, and for trying to repair the breach between

the administration and the business community.

And yet, for a lot of liberals frustrated with the president, Daley (along with other aides, like the economic advisor Gene Sperling) has become a symbol of what they consider the administration's centrist drift.

Critics on the left fear that Daley is more interested in finding elusive compromises with Republicans than in pursuing progressive policies. On Capitol Hill, some Democrats say Daley makes little effort to consult or work with them. When Politico

asked Carville if he was talking specifically about Daley, Carville replied: "I recuse myself. Bill's an old friend." Which, translated from Washingtonese, means something roughly equivalent to "yes."

Historians and management consultants can debate the merits of firing senior aides generally. As Carville noted, it seemed to work for Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton at precarious moments in their campaigns and presidencies. It worked less well for Jimmy Carter, who demanded the resignation of his entire Cabinet just days after his malaise speech, perhaps in the hope that he could make everyone forget it.

The problem with Carville's prescription in this particular case, however, especially as it pertains to Daley, is that it would directly undermine the foundation of the case that Obama and his Democratic allies have been trying so hard to make.

The point that Obama has been driving home for at least the past year, when he started talking about how America's car had been driven into a ditch and all of that, is that he didn't create the mess we're in and therefore shouldn't

be held entirely – or even largely – accountable for it. What Obama and other Democrats have argued, over and over, is that we didn't get into our economic morass in one year or two, and we can't expect him or anyone else to get us out of it any faster. Constancy in the face of crisis, they say, is the only sensible course.

But now here comes Daley, an outsider to the Obama world who became chief of staff nine months ago. He inherited a dispirited White House, a highly partisan and divided Congress and an economy that was about to sink back into turpitude. He has failed, to this point, to score any huge legislative deal or to mollify the president's critics on either the left or the right.

So what should Obama do with Daley? Send him packing! Do the Donald Trump on the guy! Where's the accountability?

There's an evident inconsistency here. If administrations are to be judged solely on results, rather than in the context of the times, then Obama can't possibly make a compelling argument for his own re-election – not when unemployment refuses to fall below 9 percent. □

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Ron Paul, undaunted, inspires fervent followers

GARY MARTIN

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Fervent young followers wear his "revolution" T-shirts and chant his name as he steps to the podium of New England College: "Ron Paul, Ron Paul."

But the libertarian-leaning Texas lawmaker running a third campaign for the White House is having difficulty attracting mainstream Republicans to his fringe candidacy in a fractured primary battle.

Paul, 76, remains undaunted by that task and says his campaign is catching on with those suffering a crumbling economy and an on-going war.

"People are waking up," Paul said in an interview following a speech here. "This economy is in shambles and they are tired of being in a war that has lasted 10 years."

They know printing money doesn't make you rich and they are coming around to the issues I have been talking about for years."

Considered a second-tier presidential candidate by analysts, Paul nevertheless passed an early test on organization when he took second in the Iowa Straw Poll.

Recent polls in New Hampshire, scheduled to hold the first presidential primary Feb. 14, 2012, show him hovering near 10 percent.

And while Paul has a national following, he remains far behind the GOP front-runners, namely Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

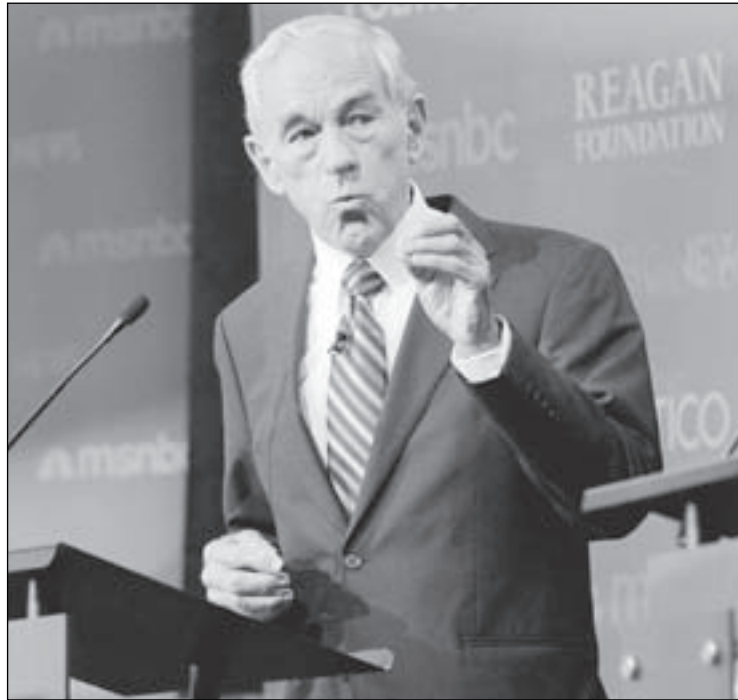
Polls show tea party supporters are divided among Paul, Perry and U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn.

Andy Smith, a New Hampshire University pollster, said Paul's support is likely capped at 10 percent in the state.

While Paul is popular on campus, Smith said, he has failed to expand his support to suburban and more mainstream voters. In addition to ideological hurdles, Smith said Paul has other problems that have nothing to do with political philosophy or his positions on issues.

"Some of the other Republicans come straight from Central Casting: Romney and Perry," Smith said, adding, "They've got the jutting jaw line and the good hair and here comes Ron Paul, his jacket is too big, he's rumpled, his hair is white and tousled, he just doesn't look presidential."

Paul has served 12 terms in Congress. His Texas district stretches from the Houston suburbs and Galveston along the Coastal Bend



Republican presidential candidate Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, speaks during a Republican presidential candidate debate at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

to Aransas Pass. He is extremely popular in his district and was re-elected in 2010 with 76 percent of the vote.

His re-elections have come without relenting on his

dustry.

And he has repeatedly refused, as a member of Congress, to sign up for a government pension, saying it would be hypocritical. It is a line that draws applause in his stump speech.

Born in Pittsburgh, Paul received his medical degree from Duke University before serving in the Air Force and the Air National Guard during most of the 1960s, later settling in Texas where he went into private practices as a physician.

He has five children, including son Rand Paul, who espouses similar libertarian views as his father and was elected to the U.S. Senate from Kentucky in 2010, largely with the help of tea party supporters.

An Air Force trained obstetrician, Paul moonlighted at then-Santa Rosa Hospital in downtown San Antonio while he was stationed in the 1960s at then-Kelly AFB. □

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Abbas plans to seek Palestinian state at security council

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JERUSALEM – The Palestinian president announced Friday that he would seek membership for a Palestinian state at the U.N. Security Council next week, a move strongly opposed by Israel and the United States that adds significant tension to one of the most intractable conflicts in the Middle East.

The move by the president, Mahmoud Abbas, constitutes a new Palestinian strategy 20 years after the start of peace negotiations with Israel, which have failed to produce an agreement. It confirmed an approach that frustrated Palestinian officials have been moving toward for months. U.S., Israeli and European diplomats have struggled to dissuade Abbas and his aides from taking such a step, and his decision to proceed anyway represents what could become a foreign policy debacle for the Obama administration. "We need to have full membership at the U.N.," Abbas said in his announcement during a speech at his headquarters in Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, broadcast live on Al-Jazeera and other outlets. "We need a state, a seat at the United Nations."

He added: "We are going to the Security Council," as Palestinian dignitaries gave him a rousing applause and standing ovation. Abbas called it "our decision, which

we have conveyed to everyone."

The United States has said it will use its veto at the Security Council to stop any Palestinian statehood bid, adhering to the American-Israeli view that the only way to achieve peace is through direct talks between the Palestinian Authority and Israel. Each side maintains that the other presents the obstacles to negotiations. The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel issued a brief statement after the speech, saying, "Peace will not be achieved by a unilateral approach to the United Nations."

Abbas said the application would demand recognition of a state along the borders of Israel before the 1967 war, with East Jerusalem as its capital. Israel has said those borders are indefensible and would make further negotiations with the Palestinians even more difficult, because no Palestinian leader will be able to accept less than the state that is recognized by the United Nations.

A U.S. veto of the Palestinian bid for full membership would serve as another blow to American credibility in the Arab world, as the Obama administration tries to place itself on the side of protesters in Arab autocracies seeking freedom, justice and a



A Palestinian man talks to Israeli soldiers who set up a barricade to prevent Palestinian protestors from accessing a Jewish settlement in Hebron, on the West Bank, Sept. 14, 2011. Palestinians have been rallying in anticipation of a plan by the Palestinian Authority to ask the UN General Assembly this month to recognize an independent Palestinian state.

(Rina Castelnuevo/The New York Times)

notion of dignity. For many in the region, the plight of Palestinians, under more than four decades of occupation, encapsulates those ideals. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, who toured the region this week, highlighted that sense of urgency among many in the Arab world for the Palestinians to gain what they see as long overdue recognition.

"Recognizing the Palestinian state is not an option; it is an obligation," Erdogan said at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo, the first stop on his tour. "It is time for the flag of Palestine to be hoisted at the

United Nations."

The very clarity of Erdogan's comments seemed to contrast with a U.S. policy toward the region that critics view as muddled, as the Obama administration supports uprisings in Libya and Syria but looks the other way at a crackdown by its ally Bahrain. A veto of Palestinian statehood would almost assuredly intensify perceptions of American double standards.

For the Obama administration, the Palestinian announcement is a setback that, while not unexpected, is still stinging. The White House had sent

two senior diplomats, Dennis B. Ross and David Hale, on repeated trips to Jerusalem and Ramallah in recent weeks to try to work out an alternative to a U.N. campaign.

In recent days, senior administration officials said, the United States had been trying to get agreement on a statement by the so-called Middle East Quartet – the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia – affirming President Barack Obama's proposal in May to negotiate the creation of a Palestinian state, using as a baseline the pre-1967 boundaries of Israel, with land swaps. □

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Prosecutors:

Man recruited women for Italy premier

ALESSANDRA RIZZO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — An Italian businessman recruited more than 30 women to attend parties at Premier Silvio Berlusconi's homes, selecting them for their looks and age and paying some of them to have sex with the leader, prosecutors investigating the man say. They allege that between September 2008 and May 2009 Gianpaolo Tarantini recruited women of "young age, slender frame," and told them what to wear and how to behave at the parties, according to a newly filed court document.

Prosecutors have wrapped up their investigation into Tarantini's alleged activities. In the document summing up their conclusions, they charge that Tarantini was paying the women so he could win favor with Berlusconi and, through him, obtain jobs with state-run companies and state agencies.

Berlusconi is not under investigation in the case. But the revelations are proving further embarrassment for the 74-year-old leader, already facing criticism over Italy's financial crisis and engulfed in a sex scandal.

"Italy Deserves Better," La Stampa newspaper said in an editorial Friday. "To have a premier who

must spend hours with his lawyers to map out strategies to defend himself undoubtedly damages the nation, as that time is taken away from institutional activities such as foreign affairs or public finances," the newspaper wrote.

Berlusconi is already on trial in separate cases in Milan on charges of corruption, tax fraud and paying for sex with a minor.

He might face another one after a Milan judge said Thursday he should be indicted for his role in the publication about five years ago, in a family-owned newspaper, of wire-taps that damaged a political rival and were covered by the secrecy of an ongoing probe. No decision on a possible indictment has been made.

The premier has always denied wrongdoing, saying he is the victim of politically driven magistrates intent on ousting him from power. He has maintained that the parties at his villas — now known as "bunga bunga" and described as sex-filled bacchanalia — were decent and elegant soirees where nothing tawdry was going on.

The premier has also denied ever paying for sex.

In a letter to Italian newspaper Il Foglio, Berlusconi wrote that "I did nothing for which I must be ashamed."



Italian businessman Gianpaolo Tarantini leaves the court after being heard by prosecutors in Bari, southern Italy. Prosecutors say an Italian businessman recruited about 30 girls to attend parties at Premier Silvio Berlusconi's homes, selecting them for their looks and age and paying some of them to have sex with the Italian leader. They allege that between Sept. 2008 and May 2009 Gianpaolo Tarantini recruited women of "young age, slender frame," and told them what to wear and how to behave at the parties, according to a newly filed court document.

(AP Photo/Donato Fasano, file)

The Web site of the newspaper, whose editor served as minister in a former Berlusconi government, quoted the premier as saying, "I won't throw in the towel." It further quoted him as describing intercepted phone conversations which are at the heart of the probe as "systematic spying."

Tarantini has insisted Berlusconi didn't pay the women and didn't know that he did. Tarantini is under investigation for allegedly aiding and abetting prostitution.

The investigation in the southern city of Bari, where Tarantini was based, includes about 100,000 wire-tapped conversations, according to Italian news reports.

It targets eight people, including Tarantini, his brother and a woman nicknamed "Queen Bee" in the Italian media for her alleged role in recruiting women for the premier.

All eight have been notified that the investigation is closed, paving the way for a possible indictment request.

The recruited women included high-class escorts, such as Patrizia D'Addario, the woman whose revelation that she spent the night with Berlusconi when Barack Obama was elected president exposed the premier's sex scandals. They also included some minor starlets and would-be starlets.

Tarantini "persuaded them to prostitute themselves, or strengthened their initial resolve to prostitute themselves, during gatherings he organized at Silvio Berlusconi's residences," said the document, obtained by The Associated Press. The parties took place at Berlusconi's mansion near Milan, in his private home in central Rome and in his villa in Sardinia. □

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AP Exclusive: Iraqi girl recounts bus massacre



Tabarak Thaer speaks on the phone in the holy city of Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday Sept. 15, 2011. Tabarak is a survivor of a hijacking Monday Sept. 12, 2011 in Iraq's Sunni-dominated western Anbar province that left 22 Shiite pilgrims dead. The passengers were from Karbala and were headed to the Sayyida Zainab shrine in Damascus, Syria.

Associated Press

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press
KARBALA, Iraq (AP) — The trip was intended to give Tabarak Thaer a glimpse of the world beyond Iraq's violence and misery. Instead, it brought the 10-year-old face to face with terror when insurgents boarded the bus she was riding, forced the male passengers off, and killed them. Although the attackers were dressed in military-style uniforms and initially said they were only check-

ing the bus, Tabarak sensed danger right away. She slipped her cellphone into her shoe when the insurgents demanded all passengers hand them over. "They claimed they wanted to help us, but I was suspicious," the cherub-faced Tabarak told The Associated Press in an interview this week. "I grew terrified when they start to beat and yell at the women." Tabarak's story is the first account to surface by a

survivor of Monday's hijacking in Iraq's Sunni-dominated western Anbar province that left 22 Shiite pilgrims dead. The passengers were from the Shiite holy city of Karbala in southern Iraq, and were headed to the Sayyida Zainab shrine in Damascus, Syria. Although violence across Iraq has dropped dramatically in recent years, deadly attacks still happen every day — some in which dozens of people are killed. This week's bus massacre was particularly alarming because it recalled the worst days of the war, when extremists routinely posed as security forces and stopped cars at fake checkpoints, and either killed or kidnapped motorists. Most of the fake checkpoints of years past were manned by al-Qaida agents, and Shiite officials this week blamed the Sunni-based terrorist network for masterminding the bus attack in an attempt to reignite sectarian violence. It was to be Tabarak's first trip out of Iraq, a vacation with her grandparents, two aunts and her brother and sister that was promised after she aced her school exams this summer. Even though Syria has been hit by violent protests in recent months, that has not stopped pilgrims from visiting its religious sites. Rumbling down the remote desert highway between Baghdad and the Jordanian border, the bus stopped at what looked like a checkpoint blocking the road, and the uniformed men climbed aboard. The women and children were told to stay on the

bus while the men were marched out. Tabarak's grandfather was among them but was soon allowed to return. The insurgents led the men down the road and out of sight, but Tabarak could still hear their voices, begging to be let go. "The only answer they got was slander," she said. A half-hour later, the sounds of shooting began — a steady drumbeat of bullets fired one by one. "I panicked when I heard the crack of the gunfire," Tabarak said. "I had the feeling that our turn would come." "It was long moments of anxiety." Once the gunmen left, the survivors frantically discussed how they could alert authorities. Tabarak shouted to the passengers that she still had her phone, and handed it to her grandfather to start making calls. A few hours later, an Iraqi army patrol found the bus of weeping and wailing pilgrims, and they headed back to Karbala, 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Baghdad. "This great and brilliant deed by my granddaughter saved us from an unknown fate," said Tabarak's grandfather, Mohammed Ali, 65. Shiite pilgrims have been a favorite target for Sunni insurgents who are trying to revive the sectarian violence that brought Iraq to the brink of civil war just a few years ago. Monday's attack comes less than four months before U.S. troops — who surged into Iraq in 2007 to stem the religious killings — are scheduled to

leave. On Thursday, Iraqi authorities arrested 10 men from the Anbar provincial town of Rutbah, near the Jordanian border, and accused them of being agents for al-Qaida. Karbala's provincial council chairman, Mohammed al-Moussawi, said the insurgents clearly "aimed at igniting sectarian tensions in Iraq." There's been no violent response to the bus attack from Iraq's Shiite community against Sunnis — unlike the kind that used to spur endless volleys of retribution. The arrest raised the ire of a prominent Sunni sheik in Anbar, who initially offered a reward of 50 million dinars (about \$42,000) for information to help track down the insurgents but later accused the Shiite security forces of "abducting" the suspects in Rutbah. "We believe this act is in revenge of the killing," said Sameer Abd Rasheed, spokesman for Sheik Ahmed Abu Risha, whose family helped create the Sunni Sahwa, or Sons of Iraq militia that joined U.S. forces against al-Qaida. Security officials initially said the women and children were forced off the bus and left at the side of the road, while the men were taken a few miles (kilometers) away and shot in a valley. On Thursday, a senior official who talked to the survivors immediately after the attack confirmed Tabarak's account, and said the men were told to get off and then walked a short distance away, where they were killed within earshot of the others. □



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A convoy of supply trucks cross the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. "Mine area humorless lot," Alexander the Great is reported to have told his soldiers. "They know if my campaign fails, they are the first ones I will slay." Logistics makes or breaks military success, from preparing the battlefield to fighting the enemy. People, goods, food, and weapons must move fast and reliably; logistics cannot easily be delegated.

Handling logistics for the war in Afghanistan is no easy feat, given the distance, weather, terrain, and constant threat of violence. But recent evidence shows that by linking our military logistics planning to a separate counterinsurgency strategy to build up the Afghans, we have created an extortion racket that helps fund the very people we are fighting.

It begins with the trucks. If war is business, it's a supply-chain business. Unlike in Iraq, where the military utilized American contractors, the Pentagon has hired local businesses to sustain our military presence in Afghanistan. We signed nearly a thousand new contracts with non-US vendors in Afghanistan last year alone. This made sense for our counterinsurgency strategy; it would promote Afghan businesses and help them develop the capabilities necessary to control their own destiny. But whether it was good for our military is another question.

In our desire to put Afghans first, we have now lost track of nearly \$400 million of \$2 billion distributed under the Army's Afghanistan Host Nation Trucking contract. This isn't the typical accounting error or failure to verify an expense. The evidence strongly suggests that the military's primary logistics contract has fueled a scheme of kickbacks and laundering to fund insurgents, warlords, and criminal networks. Their primary target: us.

It's a devastating mistake.

Last year, Massachusetts Representative John Tierney began a congressional investigation, Warlord, Inc., of the Host Nation program. It is, after all, one thing to provide monetary support to Afghan companies to build bridges or schools, but quite another to pay Afghans to support transport for our troops. That investigation showed that the trucking funds were, through racketeering and bribery, ending up in the hands of the Taliban and insurgents. Contracting to the Afghans freed our limited troops there to fight, and certainly was cheaper than transporting American companies there.

The Pentagon eventually agreed. As the Washington Post reported this summer, in an investigation of one of the eight Afghan companies that had contracts with the US, nearly half of a \$7 million payment went to a commander in the Afghan National Police. That commander then, in 27 separate transactions, transferred payments to insurgents in the form of weapons and cash.

Much of the diversion of money is simple fraud. Some of it probably goes to pay off insurgents in order to provide safe passage for goods that must reach our soldiers who are there to ensure, well, that insurgents do not control the safe passage of transportation in Afghanistan. It is a strange "cycle of dependence," said Tierney, who held a hearing last week on the program. □

Finnish police arrest 2 on terror suspicions

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Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Authorities in Finland have arrested two people on suspicion of financing terrorism and terror recruitment, police said. The detentions were the first known terror-linked arrests in the Nordic country.

The two suspects were arrested Sept. 7 and are in jail, the National Bureau of Investigation said in a statement. Security officials carried out "a lengthy investigation" prior to the arrests, the Friday statement said.

It did not specify where the suspects were picked up, but said that afterward officers uncovered evidence in the Helsinki metropolitan area. Bureau spokeswoman Tuula Kyren confirmed the information, but declined further comment. She said officials would reveal more in a press conference Saturday. Finnish security police did not immediately return calls on Friday evening. Although Finland has been spared, neighboring Scandinavian countries have seen several terrorist attacks in recent years.

On July 22, a Norwegian right-wing extremist killed 69 people in a shooting spree at a youth camp after he exploded a car bomb outside government offices in Oslo, killing eight people. Last month, officials in Denmark filed preliminary charges of attempted terrorism against five men after they allegedly tried to burn down two police buildings and a bank in Copenhagen. In May, a Chechen-born man was sentenced to 12 years in prison for preparing a letter bomb that exploded in a Copenhagen hotel in 2010. □



A man arrives Wednesday Sep. 14, 2011 at Goteborg courthouse, Goteborg, Sweden to attend a preliminary hearing of four men arrested on terror suspicions. A Swedish court has detained one of four men initially suspected of preparing a terrorist attack in Sweden's second largest city on preliminary charges of plotting murder. Goteborg District Court says the 23-year-old Iraqi-born man is suspected "on probable cause." Decisions on the other three suspects, in their 20's and of Somali origin, are expected later Wednesday.

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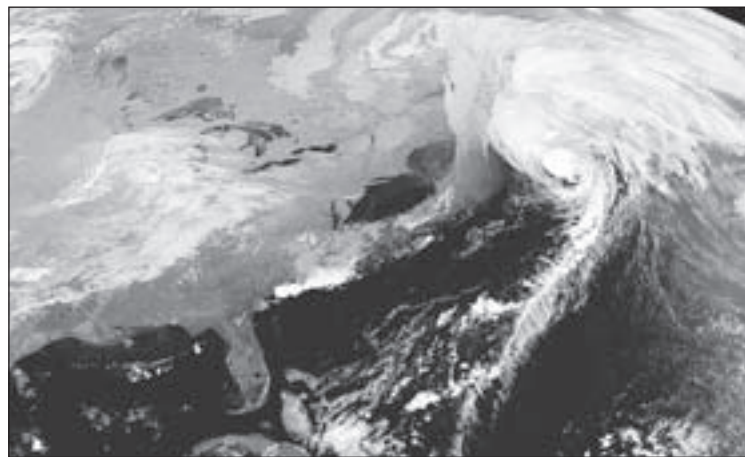


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Hurricane Maria makes landfall in eastern Canada

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (AP) — Hurricane Maria made landfall in eastern Newfoundland as a Category 1 storm on Friday, but officials said the worst winds were offshore and there were no early reports of injuries or significant property damage. After making landfall, Maria was quickly downgraded to a tropical storm. Chris Fogarty, a meteorologist at the Canadian Hurricane Centre, said Newfoundland avoided the worst of the hurricane. Weather officials lifted the hurricane warning for south-eastern Newfoundland. "The worst wind stayed just offshore," Fogarty said in an interview. "A major bullet was dodged by the look of it."



This image provided by NASA shows Hurricane Maria off the coast of Newfoundland Canada Friday morning at 5:45 a.m. EDT. Maria's maximum sustained winds are near 80 mph. The storm is centered about 495 miles (800 kilometers) southwest of Cape Race, Newfoundland, and is moving northeast near 45 mph (72 kph). The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Maria's center is expected to pass over or near southeastern Newfoundland on Friday afternoon.

(AP Photo/NASA)

Many Newfoundlanders hunkered down at home in the Atlantic Canadian province. Schools were closed. Fogarty said the latest forecast calls for 2 inches (5 centimeters) of rain in some areas — less than originally expected.

Fogarty said the highest winds on land reached 64 mph (103 kph) on the southern tip of the Avalon peninsula where Maria made landfall. The highest wind speeds were recorded offshore where they peaked at 77 mph (124 kph). The storm comes a year after Hurricane Igor tore through eastern Newfoundland as a Category 1 storm. One man died as Igor washed out roads, swept away bridges and caused nearly \$200 million in damage to almost 200 communities.

Fogarty said Maria isn't much of a threat as far as flooding is concerned because it is moving so quickly.

The province's Fire and Emergency Services issued a statement saying residents should prepare for damaged buildings and power outages.

The storm wasn't expected to have much impact on Newfoundland's offshore oil platforms and vessels. Fogarty said Maria's rapid forward speed would prevent her from churning up the waves beyond six meters (20 feet) on the Grand Banks.

Coastal Labrador is expected to see strong winds and large waves on Saturday as two weather systems collide. □

Caribbean Briefs

BA warns of slump in regional travel

MARIGOT, St. Martin (AP) — The CEO of British Airways has a less than sunny outlook for Caribbean tourism. Keith Williams tells tourism officials from the region that a British airline tax, high unemployment and European regulations on carbon emissions will mean fewer travelers to the region on his airline. Williams is especially critical of Britain putting a higher tax on flights to the Caribbean than to competing destinations in the United States. He says that tax increases the cost of a flight from London to the Caribbean for a family of four by about \$470. British Airways is predicting a 6 percent drop in passengers to the Caribbean. Williams spoke Friday at the Caribbean Tourism Organization conference in French St. Martin. □

Armed men steal \$85K from same resort casino robbed last year

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Five heavily armed men with face masks raided a seaside resort casino and stole more than \$85,000, police said Friday. The same casino suffered a similar robbery last year. The bandits ordered at least 18 customers and 17 employees to drop to the floor of the Gran Melia Golf Resort casino in the northern coastal town of Rio Grande and then quickly collected the money, said police officer Lawrence Martinez. They would have made off with more money, but an employee was so nervous he could not open one of the vaults, Martinez said. □

Legislators approve freedom act

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Guyana's Parliament has approved a freedom of information bill that will make most government documents available to those who request them. The measure calls for the appointment of an information officer responsible for releasing documents as long as the information does not compromise investigations or pose a threat to the country's safety. The bill also allows for the release of Cabinet minutes. Any public official found guilty of destroying public documents could face as much as a year in jail. President Bharrat Jagdeo is expected to sign the bill in upcoming months. It was approved late Thursday. □

Outbreak of mosquito-born dengue

ROUSEAU, Dominica (AP) — The chief medical officer of Dominica has declared an outbreak of dengue fever on the lush Caribbean island. Dr. David Johnson says there have been 15 new cases recorded in the past month and nine suspected cases. Johnson says none of the cases were the more severe hemorrhagic form of the illness. No deaths have been reported. Johnson told reporters Friday that the Dominican government was increasing efforts to control the mosquitoes that transmit the virus.

Dengue has been on the rise throughout the Caribbean this year, with outbreaks in Puerto Rico and the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe among other places. Symptoms include high fever, rash, severe headaches and joint pain. □

Protesters paralyze ferry service

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Protesters on a tiny Puerto Rican island have paralyzed a ferry service popular with tourists to demand improvements from the island's Maritime Transport Authority. Residents who blocked the docks in Culebra on Friday say an inadequate number of ferries is forcing them to travel to the nearby island of Vieques before reaching the main island.

Legislator Jorge Navarro Suarez says the problem affects people going to work or seeking medical care. Authority Director Ferdinand Cedeno was quoted by El Nuevo Dia newspaper as saying that three ferries are out of commission for various problems but that one of them should be working by mid-October. □

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CURACAO - On 12 September 2011, a contingent of U.S. Forward Operation Location (USFOL) personnel made a donation of their time and school supplies for children at the FUIK community center. The men and women of the U.S. FOL partnered with volunteers from the community center to help mentor children through games, school work and crafts. Notebooks, pencils, pens and crayons were among the assortment of school supplies donated to help the children with their education. A U.S. FOL member commented, "It was a wonderful experience and a true eye opener." The U.S. FOL personnel have been long-time advocates for the local community and this was yet another outstanding effort to promote the welfare of Curacao's youngest members. □



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Druif Beach – The hard-working, dedicated members of the Divi Housekeeping Department celebrated Housekeeping Week with a schedule of fun activities designed to express appreciation and gratitude for a job well done. On Monday, members of the Housekeeping Department enjoyed breakfast at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, then on Tuesday they spent some time playing volleyball and snacking at sunset on the beach between the Tamarijn and the Divi Beach Resorts. Another breakfast celebration, expertly catered by Intertotal, was hosted in the cafeteria at Divi Village, on Wednesday. Thursday delivered a change of pace, with a Total Latin Body Workout, on the terrace of Mulligan's Golf Café, Bar and Restaurant at Divi



Links. On Friday, the Housekeeping staff was picked up by bus, in the afternoon, heading straight to De

Palm Island for a fantastic few hours of sea and sun. The program also included daily prizes raffled among colleagues, says Executive

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A Cultural Fiesta Marks Housekeeping Week at the Radisson



Palm Beach – Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa marked its Housekeeping Week celebrations by organizing several fun and educational activities. The highlight of the week was the Cultural Fiesta that took place in the entrance to the Aruba Tower on Thursday. During the event, several

resort departments worked hard to present creative displays of food and culture typical of the countries they were representing. The Cultural Fiesta offered up food from Aruba, the Netherlands, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia, and each food stall was beautifully decorated

with typical products of the countries represented. Three of the resort associates functioned as judges entrusted with the difficult task of visiting each stall and choosing a winner based on the food and decorations, which finally went to the Dominican Republic. The ambiance in

lobby entrance was very upbeat, and with all the dancing and singing, the fiesta was much-enjoyed by everyone, celebrating different traditions and cultures. Glenn Farro, Director of Human Resources reports there are people of 13 nationalities working at the resort, from 26 different

birthplaces! Housekeeping Week was designed to increase awareness of the housekeeping department's numerous contributions to guest satisfaction at the famous resort on Palm Beach, which is the crown jewel in the Radisson Hotel & Resort chain. □

Ortiz has exciting style for Mayweather fight

Floyd Mayweather, left, and Victor Ortiz exchange words after the weigh-in for their WBC title bout, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, in Las Vegas. Mayweather will challenge Ortiz for his title on Saturday.

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Nicklaus:

Tiger can still win more majors

KELLY OLSEN

Associated Press

INCHEON, South Korea (AP)

— Jack Nicklaus says Tiger Woods can still beat his record of 18 major championships — provided he can stay in control of his mental game. Nicklaus said Friday that Woods can achieve the feat “if he gets the five inches between his ears squared out.”

“I mean Tiger has a great work ethic, he’s a great competitor, the most talented kid on the planet right now,” Nicklaus told The Associated Press in an interview. “He’s not going to go away.”

The 35-year-old Woods has 14 major titles, but has not won any tournament since revelations of infidelities in 2009 led to the collapse of his marriage and a break from the sport. This season has been partly derailed by injuries, but Nicklaus also praised the decision by U.S. captain Fred Couples to include Woods in the 12-member Presidents Cup team that will take on non-European players in Australia in November.

“How could you not pick him,” the 71-year-old legend said. “I mean he’s Tiger Woods, he’s the best player in the game. He may not be playing his best today, but he’s still Tiger Woods.” Nicklaus made the comments while in South Korea to attend a Champions Tour event played on a course he designed in the port city of Incheon west of Seoul.

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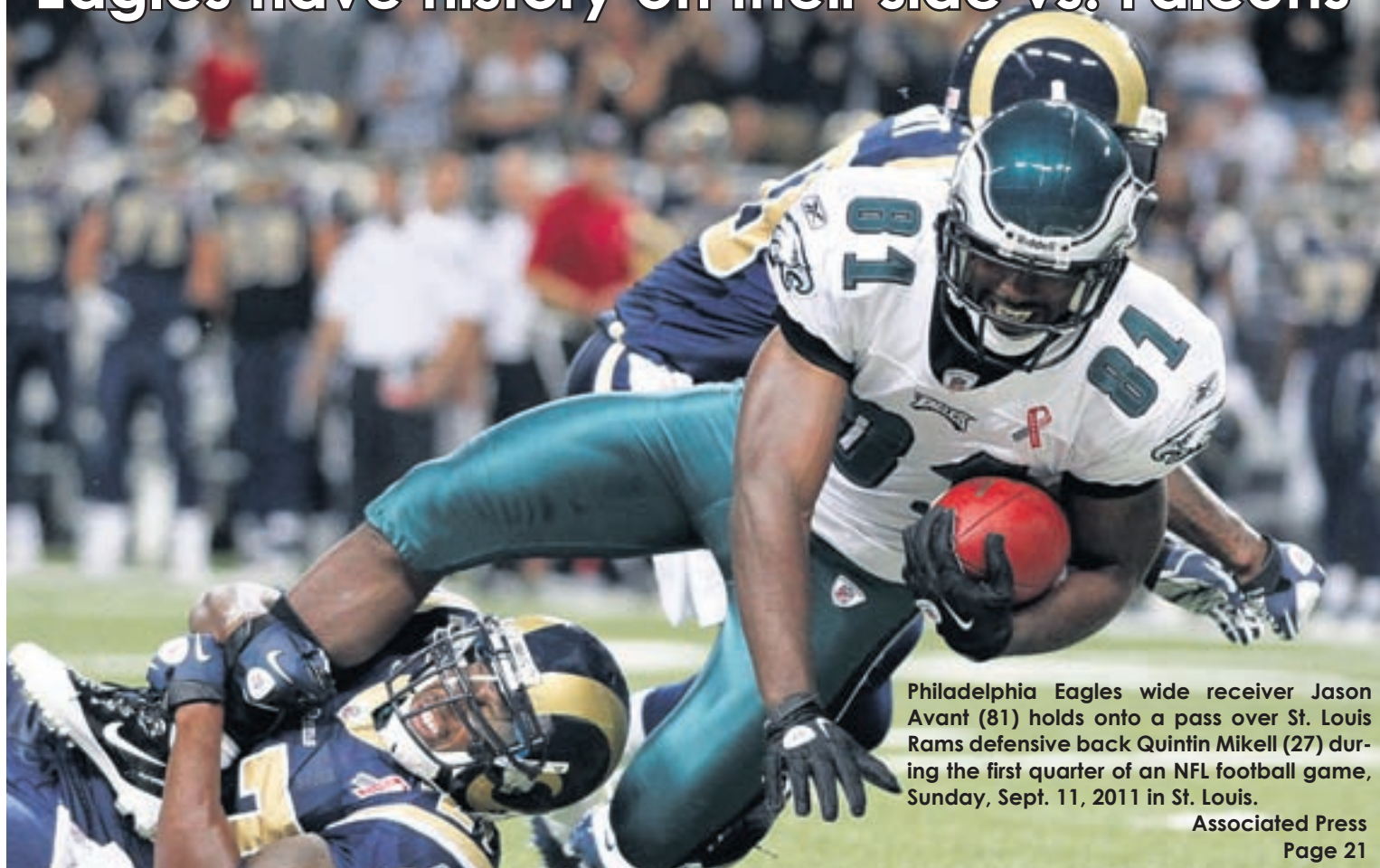
BIRDS OF PLAY



Atlanta Falcons defensive end Kroy Biermann (71) intercepts a pass by Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler (6) in the second half of an NFL football game in Chicago, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

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Eagles have history on their side vs. Falcons



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Jason Avant (81) holds onto a pass over St. Louis Rams defensive back Quintin Mikell (27) during the first quarter of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 in St. Louis.

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He also said it is crucial for golf to stage a successful tournament at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro to help the game grow further internationally. "Golf is now an Olympic sport," Nicklaus said. "And we've got to keep it in the Olympics. We've got one shot in 2016." How successful those Olympics are for the sport is important, he said, because there will be a vote the following year to decide if it goes beyond the 2020 Games. Nicklaus expressed concern, however, about the slow progress in constructing the facilities for the event, but remained hopeful that he will be awarded the task of designing the course together with former women's great Annika Sorenstam. Golf is returning to the Olympics as a sport for the

first time since 1904, with the tournament held in the seaside region of Barra. A course needs to be built by 2015 when test events begin. "I've led my game and (Sorenstam) has led the women's game and I think we both have the ability more so than anybody else to put something together that would fit what they need," he said. Others who have expressed interest in designing the course include Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Nick Faldo and Greg Norman, who would team up with Lorena Ochoa. Nicklaus stressed that the Olympics will be by far the biggest golf event ever organized in Brazil, and that officials must realize they're facing a tough deadline to get things done. "You've got to get ready for it, prepare for it. And to get people to understand the sense of urgency is very



Jack Nicklaus speaks during an interview with The Associated Press at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club in Incheon, South Korea, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011. Nicklaus said Tiger Woods can still beat his record total of 18 major championships provided he gets control of his mental game.

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difficult," he said. "And the sense of urgency needs to be there, otherwise the success of an event is in jeopardy." Nicklaus' many course designs around the world are

part of his way to leave a legacy in the game that goes beyond his playing days. Now he's trying to add to that by giving more young people a way into the sport in a time when

many families are struggling economically and lots of kids turn to cheaper and more accessible options. He cited football and basketball as examples, where children play with modified equipment and rules, such as smaller balls and lower baskets, to make things easier. "Kids have got to have some success, they have success early in these other sports, but they don't get this success early in golf," he said. "In golf, it's a hard golf ball, the same golf ball that the pro is playing and a hard golf club," Nicklaus said. He added that he is working on developing equipment to help make it easier for young people to play in public parks. "One of the things I'm working on very hard right now is trying to figure out how can we leave a legacy" so that people want to play the game, he said. □

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Patrick says concerns about Japan understandable

JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

MOTEGI, Japan (AP)—Indy Car driver Danica Patrick doesn't see why there is a fuss over her expressing concerns about racing this weekend in Japan, not far from the site of the March earthquake, tsunami and crippled nuclear plant. Patrick will take part in Indy Japan at the Twin Ring Motegi, which is 150 kilometers (93 miles) from the Fukushima-Dai-ichi nuclear plant, which leaked radiation after being severely damaged by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. She said she was worried about the radiation levels in the food and water and the possibilities of aftershocks. Patrick posted her only victory in the IndyCar series in Japan in 2008.

"Having concerns about

coming here is completely understandable," Patrick said Friday. "Now that I'm here, I've eaten the food, I go out running in the morning so I'm doing the things I normally do here and it seems like everything is fine."

The quake damaged the 2.4-kilometer (1.5-mile) oval at Twin Ring, so Sunday's race will be held instead on the recently repaved 14-turn road course.

Just after Patrick and the rest of the drivers arrived on Thursday, the Motegi circuit was jolted by a strong 6.2 earthquake off Japan's northeastern coast that shook buildings at Motegi. Patrick said she's not the only one who raised concerns about making the trip.

"I know a lot of people are concerned, a lot of us looked at each other and said 'are you going to eat here? did you eat sushi?' we've all asked those questions but it seems fine." Patrick sidestepped reports that other drivers, in particular Tony Kanaan, had criticized her for expressing her concerns about traveling to Japan. "I didn't really see that," Patrick said. "I kind of heard something about it



IndyCar racer Danica Patrick smiles during a press conference of the Indy Japan The Final auto race at Twin Ring Motegi in Motegi, northeast of Tokyo, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

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but don't know what was said." Sunday's race will be the last IndyCar series event in Japan. Mobilityland Corp., a wholly owned unit of Honda Motor Co., announced in February that due to the economic downturn, the 2011 race will be its last IndyCar race at the Twin Ring Motegi circuit. After the earthquake, IndyCar series officials did consider canceling

the race but decided to go ahead after Honda officials moved the race to Motegi's road course while assuring IndyCar that travel to Japan was safe. Despite all the commotion over her comments, Patrick said she will miss racing in Japan.

"I will always have so many great memories of Motegi," Patrick said. "The people, the track, although we are on the road coarse this

time, the food, the culture. You can tell the fans are really looking forward to this and are glad we are here." Sunday's race will play a crucial role in deciding this year's championship. Team Penske's Will Power won the Baltimore Grand Prix on Sept. 4 for his second straight victory and sixth of the season to move within five points of series leader Dario Franchitti with three races left. □



APNewsBreak: U.S. gold medalist Armstrong replaced



This Sept. 23, 2009, file photo shows Amber Neben of the United States competing in the Women's Time Trial race, at the UCI road cycling World Championships in Mendrisio, Switzerland.

Associated Press

JOHN MILLER

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Olympic gold medalist Kristin Armstrong says she's been replaced on the U.S. world championship cycling

team that's competing in Copenhagen, Denmark, after another rider's protest over her inclusion in the time trial.

Armstrong told The Associated Press on Friday in an e-mail that Amber Neben challenged USA Cycling's decision this month to enter Armstrong as one of two American riders in the time trial.

Armstrong, the time trial gold medalist at the 2008 Beijing Games, says Neben won her appeal.

"I landed in Denmark to only find out that I had been replaced," Armstrong wrote in her e-mail. "Three hours later in the airport I am on my way home."

The world championships begin in Copenhagen on Monday and run through Sunday. The women's time

trial is set for Tuesday.

Neben placed second at the national championship time trial in June, with Armstrong finishing third.

Neben was already on the U.S. world championship team for the road race.

Evelyn Stevens of New York City is the other U.S. time trial rider on the world championship team.

USA Cycling director of athletics Jim Miller didn't return a phone call.

Armstrong, who came out of a brief retirement from professional cycling in 2010 after giving birth to her son, had been hoping for a top-three finish in Denmark.

That would have meant an automatic qualification for the U.S. Olympic team bound for London next summer. Instead, she's returning home to the uncertainty of having to qualify

Crosby will practice at training camp



Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby, talks during an NHL hockey news conference about his recovery from a concussion he suffered in January 2011 during an NHL hockey news conference in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Injured center Sidney Crosby will practice with the Pittsburgh Penguins when they open training camp on Saturday. Crosby hasn't played in the

NHL since suffering a pair of concussions in January. He was forced to miss the rest of last season and the Penguins' first-round playoff series against Tampa Bay.

"I'm just excited to get out there," Crosby said Friday. "As challenging as it is, as tough as it is, that's why you play the game, is to go through this process. So I'm happy to be a part of it, but I know I also have some work to do."

There's still no telling when Crosby will be able to play in a game. The Penguins open the preseason on Wednesday against Detroit, and open the regular season against Vancouver on Oct. 6.

Dr. Michael Collins, who has overseen Crosby's recovery, said earlier this month that he expects Crosby to have a long NHL career but cautioned against bringing him back too soon. □

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NFL Preview

Vick returns with Eagles to old Falcons home

BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Vick thrilled Atlanta Falcons fans in the Georgia Dome for six NFL seasons. Many of them felt betrayed by subsequent events that led to Vick doing jail time for his role in a dogfighting ring.

He returns as a starter to the dome on Sunday with the Philadelphia Eagles, and the reception might not echo that recent history.

Vick, you see, remains immensely popular in Atlanta, despite what happened. The cheers outweighed the boos two years ago when he was a third-string quarterback for Philly, but still threw for one touchdown and ran for another in a 34-7 victory.

He's anything but a third-stringer now.

"That's something I haven't thought about or really don't want to get into," said Vick, the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year in 2010. "I still have a lot of love for the fans down there, but keep in mind I am with the opposition now. I don't expect it to be in my favor due to the fact that I'm out there full-time, but we'll see. That's the fun part of the game and we're just going to enjoy the day."

Enjoying another day in Atlanta — or anywhere — seemed a long shot for Vick after being exiled from the Falcons, and then from the NFL.

Now, he is a key performer on a team that went wild in free agency, made a huge trade that sent his backup and erstwhile competitor for the quarterbacking spot, Kevin Kolb, to Arizona, and is the

owner of a \$100 million contract.

"Going back as a starter is different than it was in 2009 when I spot-played a little bit and just had an opportunity to go out there and make a couple of plays," he said. "The emotional aspect of it I'm over, but it'll be great to go back to the dome, play against a former team, have an opportunity to play against some guys that I played with."

It's also a huge game between two of the favorites in the NFC, particularly after the Falcons were beaten handily in Chicago last week. Philly won at St. Louis.

The Pittsburgh Steelers were keen to forget their stunning 35-7 drubbing from the Baltimore Ravens rather than panic.

"It's like (defensive coordinator Dick) LeBeau said, we used our mulligan on the first hole and we've got 17 more holes to birdie," said quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

But what was distressing to Steelers fans was knowing that when the offense doesn't show up once in a while, they could usually rely on the defense to come to the rescue. But not only did the offense commit seven turnovers, looking like amateurs and losing right tackle Willie Colon (torn right triceps) for the season, but the defense was run over.

The Steelers welcome the chance to get back on track against the visiting Seattle Seahawks, who were given a dose of reality in a loss to San Francisco last weekend. The defending NFC West champions had hoped to solve their quarterback issues by bringing in Tarvaris

Jackson. Instead, Jackson spent most of the first game trying to stay upright behind a shaky offensive line that allowed him to get sacked five times and harassed countless others. The San Diego Chargers visit to New England always presents a fun matchup between two of the NFL's most exciting and prolific offenses, especially in September when weather isn't usually a factor.

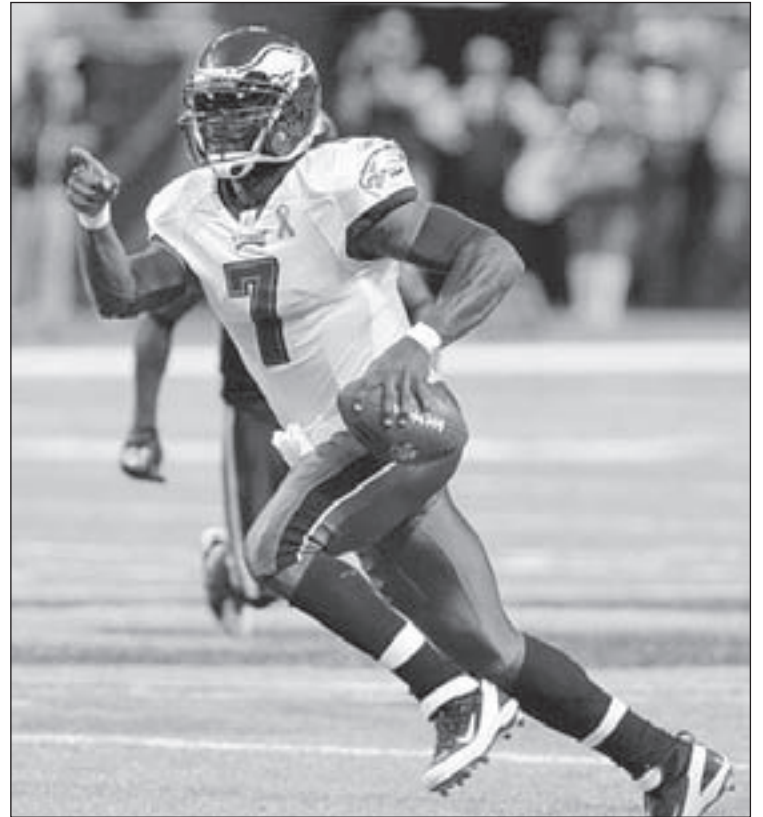
Patriots star Tom Brady probably won't throw for 517 yards again, as he did against Miami on Monday. Or maybe he will, considering the tear he's been on. Going back to last season, when he was the unanimous league MVP, Brady has led New England to nine straight regular-season victories, the longest string in the league.

"When you have a quarterback who plays at the level that Tom Brady is, (if) you can't pressure him and disrupt him a little bit, you're going to be in for a long day," Chargers coach Norv Turner said.

Turner has his own strong offense led by Philip Rivers, who threw for a piddling (compared to Brady) 335 yards in a comeback win over Minnesota.

Elsewhere on Sunday, it's Green Bay at Carolina, Chicago at New Orleans, Baltimore at Tennessee, Kansas City at Detroit, Jacksonville at the New York Jets, Oakland at Buffalo, Tampa Bay at Minnesota, Cleveland at Indianapolis, Dallas at San Francisco, Arizona at Washington, Houston at Miami, and Cincinnati at Denver.

On Monday, St. Louis is at the New York Giants. □



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick scrambles for a 19-yard gain during the second quarter of an NFL football game against the St. Louis Rams on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, in St. Louis.

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WNBA playoffs Indiana, Seattle win openers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's Erin Phillips sank a turnaround jump shot with 1.5 seconds left that gave the Fever a 74-72 win over the New York Liberty on Thursday in the opening game of the WNBA's Eastern Conference semifinals.

New York's Cappie Pondexter missed a 3-pointer that would have won the game as time expired. Katie Douglas' 25 points led Indiana, which lost a 15-point lead in the second half but recovered.

Pondexter led the Liberty with 18 points. She had scored at least 20 in six consecutive playoff games against the Fever, dating to her days with Phoenix in 2009. New York will host Game 2 on Saturday in the best-of-three series.

Storm 80, Mercury 61

In Seattle, Tanisha Wright scored 21 points to lead defending WNBA champion Seattle over Phoenix in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal series.

Seattle outscored Phoenix 29-11 in the third quarter, using a 14-0 run over the final three minutes to take a 69-42 lead. Camille Little had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Storm. Diana Taurasi, who averaged 21.6 for Phoenix to lead the WNBA in scoring for the fourth straight year, had just 11 points. □



Phoenix Mercury's Penny Taylor, right, fouls Seattle Storm's Camille Little during the first half of Game 1 of a first-round WNBA playoff basketball series Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, in Seattle.

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Ortiz has exciting style for Mayweather fight

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AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Victor Ortiz knocks people down, and he's done it every time he has stepped into the ring. He also goes down, twice in his last fight alone. It's a pattern that can make for exciting fights. It's also a style that plays right into the hands of Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Mayweather returns to the ring for the first time in 16 months Saturday night, facing Ortiz in a fight for a piece of the welterweight title. His experience and great defense make him a big favorite, but Mayweather vows that this fight will be entertaining from the opening bell.

"I'm coming straight ahead," Mayweather said. "This fight is not going the distance."

In most instances, Ortiz would be seen as little more than a tuneup for a possible Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight next spring. But the 24-year-old is young and strong and coming off a huge win over Andre Berto that not only made him



Floyd Mayweather, left, and Victor Ortiz exchange words after the weigh-in for their WBC title bout, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, in Las Vegas. Mayweather will challenge Ortiz for his title on Saturday.

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a champion at 147 pounds but, more importantly, got Mayweather's attention. Mayweather was at ringside in April when Ortiz came off the canvas in the second and sixth rounds to win a bruising decision over Berto, a fight that so impressed Mayweather that he hand-picked Ortiz to be his next opponent.

"It was such an exciting fight that it motivated me to get back in the ring and display my skills," Mayweather said. "I wanted to

get back in there and rock and roll."

Mayweather will earn another massive payday — possibly more than \$20 million — to try to remain undefeated in the 42nd fight of his pro career. If there are any questions about him, it's that he's not getting any younger at the age of 34 and has fought so infrequently recently that there's a chance he could have rust.

Ortiz is a decade younger at 24 and is both strong

and fast. But he's in the spotlight for the first time in his young career, and he's facing a fighter who has tremendous defensive skills and is a master at adjusting to what the man in front of him is doing in the ring.

Mayweather also has shown some mastery in the prefight buildup, extending invitations to the estranged brother of the man who trains Ortiz, along with Brandon Rios, a former stablemate at odds with Ortiz. But Ortiz said he's paying

attention to nothing except what he has to do in the ring in the scheduled 12-round fight.

"I understand his tactics," Ortiz said. "He has a loud mouth and has to put somebody down. But it's always been me against everyone, and this is no different for me."

As is usual with Mayweather fights of late, the plot line involves a fighter who will be thousands of miles from the ring at the MGM Grand hotel arena. So far Mayweather has resisted agreeing to a fight with Pacquiao, insisting that without Olympic-style drug testing he will not get in the ring with any fighter.

Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum, indicated recently, though, that drug testing wouldn't be a roadblock to a fight next May, assuming Mayweather beats Ortiz and Pacquiao tops Juan Manuel Marquez in November.

"You keep hearing Pacquiao, Pacquiao, Pacquiao," Mayweather said. "I'm not ducking and dodging anyone." □



Yohan Blake, right, and Usain Bolt, both from Jamaica look at the scoreboard during the Memorial Van Damme Diamond League meeting at the King Baudouin stadium in Brussels, Friday Sept. 16, 2011.

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AP Sports Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Usain Bolt held his hand in front of his mouth in amazement. This time though, it wasn't his own performance that dumbfounded him. Over his shoulder, young training pal Yohan Blake could

hardly believe what he saw either.

Minutes after Bolt ran the season's fastest time in the 100 meters at the Van Damme Memorial on Friday, Blake came through with the second fastest 200 in history and served notice that he will likely be Bolt's

Bolt and Blake set sizzling times at Van Damme

toughest challenger for sprinting supremacy at the London Olympics.

The 21-year-old Blake took Bolt's advice and ran a contained curve before blasting for the line in 19.26 seconds, just .07 seconds off Bolt's world record.

"I think all the tutoring just stopped," Bolt said.

Blake first emerged from the oversize shadow of Bolt less than three weeks ago, when he won the 100 meters world title after the defending champion had stunningly false started in the final and given away a title that was seemingly his. What seemed like a fluke title then no longer seems so after Blake powered down the stretch with Bolt-like speed to set the spectacular time. Bolt's world record was set in Berlin two

years ago and, in comparison, Bolt ran 19.40 in at the world championships in Daegu for the title. Blake didn't run the event.

From lane 7, Blake had the worst start of the nine runners, bided his time on the curve, but was unstoppable afterward, dipping at the line for a time that everyone thought was only within Bolt's limits.

"I knew I could do something crazy," Blake said. "19.2? I was a bit surprised." He sank to his knees after the race and spread his arms wide open, the same as he did in Daegu when he won the 100.

With 19.26, he improved on his personal best by a massive .52 seconds. His sluggish start, with a 0.269 second reaction time, might have cost him the world

record.

Amid all the amazement at Blake's time, Walter Dix of the United States became the fourth-best performer in history by finishing second in 19.53 seconds.

Bolt could only watch his teammate in admiration — and surprise.

"It was a good run. It was a big surprise for me," he said. By that time, Bolt had done his part. From lane 5, his start was better than his preceding races but he still needed to fight hard to get level with Nesta Carter. From then on, he surged ahead and did what he promised to do — get the fastest time of the season. Bolt came from behind to finish in 9.76 seconds to improve on the mark of fellow Jamaican Asafa Powell by .02 seconds. □

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AT&T takes wraps off wireless data network

By **PETER SVENSSON**
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Unbeknownst to most customers, AT&T Inc. has fired up a new wireless data network in five cities in the last few months, offering roughly double the speeds of its older network for a handful of devices. On Sunday, the phone company will start marketing the network in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. It won't be selling a new data plan — use of the new "4G LTE" network will be a perk thrown in with existing plans, AT&T Inc. network architecture and planning executive Kris Rinne said Friday.

Rinne said the network will provide downloads speeds of 5 megabits to 12 megabits per second. That's enough to download a DVD-quality two-hour movie in 15 minutes. It's in line with the speeds on Ve-

rizon's LTE network, which launched late last year with separate data plans. AT&T's older "4G" network provides top download speeds around 6 megabits per second.

Upload speeds on the LTE network are also significantly higher than on regular "4G," clocking in at 2 megabits to 5 megabits per second, Rinne said. That's fast enough to send one minute of high-definition video from a tablet to Facebook in three minutes. The LTE-capable devices AT&T sells are a tablet — the HTC Jetstream — two USB data sticks and a "mobile Wi-Fi hotspot." They're sold with the standard AT&T non-phone data plan, which provides 5 gigabytes of data for \$50 per month, except for the tablet, which comes with a \$35 plan with 3 gigabytes of data.

At top LTE download speeds, it takes about an

hour to exhaust the monthly allotment of 5 gigabytes. Like Verizon, AT&T charges \$10 per gigabyte used above that.

Rinne said the company will have an LTE-capable phone by the end of the year.

Analysts don't expect the next iPhone to be LTE-capable at its launch, which they think could be within a month. Apple Inc. and AT&T haven't said when the phone will launch or if it will be LTE-capable.

AT&T plans to light up the LTE network in ten more cities by the end of the year, but hasn't said which ones. AT&T's LTE plans have figured in the company's bid to buy T-Mobile USA for \$39 billion. AT&T says it originally planned to build out LTE to cover 80 percent of the U.S. population, but if regulators let it buy T-Mobile, it will upgrade cell sites in rural areas as well, to cover 97



This product image provided by AT&T, shows the HTC Jetstream tablet.

Associated Press

percent of the population. AT&T has less radio spectrum available for LTE than Verizon does, so it wants to take some of the spectrum T-Mobile uses for 3G and convert it to LTE.

The initial five LTE cities are all areas in which AT&T is

the landline phone company. That makes it easier for the company to provide the LTE-enabled cell towers with high-speed wired connections to the Internet. The company's headquarters is in Dallas, one of the launch cities. □



In this Sept. 13, 2011 file photo, Nintendo Co. President Satoru Iwata speaks during a news conference at a convention center in Tokyo, standing in front of an image of a of the 3DS portable to woo women users when they launch it on Oct. 20.

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Nintendo 3DS has extra controller-button device

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TOKYO (AP) — Nintendo's add-on button device for its 3DS video game machine is facing criticism as a possible design flaw and a detraction for the already struggling portable.

Some critics say Nintendo Co. is embarrassed about the 1,500 yen (\$20) "slide pad," noting President Satoru Iwata didn't mention a word about the gadget at his presentation earlier this week.

The device, which goes on sale in Japan on Dec. 10, works as another controller. It's handy to have for more complex games from outside software makers like the "Monster Hunter" series from Capcom Co., set to go on sale in Japan on the same day. Five other games, including "Metal Gear Solid Snake Eater 3D" from Konami Corp.,

also can use the extra device. More games may be added to the list.

Nintendo, the Japanese manufacturer of the Wii home console and Super Mario and Pokemon games, says the peripheral part isn't necessary, just a matter of preference. Adding it helps deliver a gaming experience more similar to a home console in remote-controlling.

Hiroshi Kamide, analyst at JPMorgan Securities Japan Co., believes Nintendo is displaying a surprising lack of confidence. "It's a bit of a shame. Only six months after releasing a new platform they're having to come out with an attachment to make it more attractive for some people," he said. Game fans were disappointed.

The part, although not massive, makes 3DS bulky and harder to carry around in your pocket, important for a portable. □

Arrest of UBS trader rattles banks in Europe

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Kweku Adoboli traveled from Ghana to Israel to a Quaker boarding school before attending a leading university in Nottingham, England. With his education pedigree, he landed a coveted job at UBS, the giant Swiss bank, right after graduation.

But his ascent came to an end in the cool, pre-dawn hours Thursday when Adoboli, a 31-year-old trader, was arrested in London on suspicion of causing some \$2 billion in losses. The bank said the loss could be enough to wipe out its entire quarterly profit. Investors recoiled, sending shivers through European banks that have already been buffeted by the Continent's debt woes.

Adoboli had not been charged Thursday.

The rogue trading case is a troubling reminder that the controls and warning systems that banks like UBS have put into place in the three years since the financial system nearly collapsed may not be enough to protect the system and

could renew calls for separating investment banking operations from less risky businesses.

"It reminds you that investment banking is a dangerous business, and it's going to lead to people asking why they really need" the units, said Fiona Swaffield, an analyst at Execution Noble in London. "It's a knock to confidence we could do without in this current environment."

While the details are still being pieced together, the UBS incident bears an unnerving resemblance to the recent financial scandal at Societe Generale. In 2008, Jerome Kerviel, a trader at the Paris bank, was accused and later convicted of generating \$6.8 billion in losses. Both Adoboli and Kerviel worked in a relatively plain-vanilla version of a complex derivatives trading business known as the Delta One desk. As part of this business, traders create investments to track customized assets, like a basket of five retail stocks. In some cases, they use computer programs to profit from tiny differences between the prices of derivatives and their underlying assets — the minute variations between an exchange-traded fund, for example, and the indi-



Outside the UBS headquarters located at 1285 Avenue of the Americas in New York City.

vidual stocks underpinning it. The revelation is a rough blow to the beleaguered bank, which has been struggling to regain its footing since the financial crisis. UBS, one of the European banks hardest hit by the U.S. subprime crisis, had just started to turn a profit and attract wealthy clients back to its private bank, before the Continent's debt crisis hit and earnings slumped again. Last month, UBS announced it would eliminate 3,500 jobs after poor sec-

ond-quarter results.

On Thursday after the arrest of Adoboli, UBS once again found itself scrambling to reassure clients, investors and employees. The firm held conference calls with crucial divisions to discuss the trading scandal. In an internal memo, UBS emphasized that "no client positions" were involved in the "unauthorized trading." "While the news is distressing, it will not change the fundamental strength of our firm," the company

wrote in the memo. How Adoboli came to take center stage in a worldwide financial scandal is a story of hard work and a globe-trotting education.

At Nottingham University, part of a group of leading institutions known in Britain as red brick universities, Adoboli, who focused on computer science, was an active member of the student union. During "freshers' week," he helped organize social activities for the incoming class, according to a university spokesman. Shortly after graduation in 2003, he joined UBS, becoming an investment adviser trainee in London a few years later. Like many young financial professionals, he enjoyed the finer things in life, listing photography, cycling and wine among his interests on his Bloomberg profile. Until about four months ago, Adoboli lived in a pricey loft on Brune Street in London, not far from the UBS office.

A neighbor in the building, who described Adoboli as "a really nice guy," recalls that the trader once held "quite a loud party." When the neighbor, who requested anonymity, asked him to turn down his music, a contrite Adoboli acquiesced and gave him a bottle of champagne for his trouble. □

Clinton: Women the key to economic growth



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women and the Economy Summit meeting in San Francisco, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

Associated Press

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Women are the great untapped resource that can help the global economy recover and expand, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Friday as the U.S. and 20 other nations pledged to try to lower barriers to women in the workforce. Clinton and diplomats from 20 Asia-Pacific nations pledged to try to improve women's economic participation, a task Clinton said will take a generation and will mark one of the most profound transformations of the world economy. The agreement is a run-up to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Hawaii later this year, which President Barack Obama will attend.

"With economic models

straining in every corner of the world, none of us can afford to perpetuate the barriers facing women in the workforce," Clinton said.

Barriers of law and custom mean that women in developing economies may have no right to inherit land or businesses, or less access than men to land and good quality seed, Clinton said. In more developed economies women still earn less than men, and have fewer opportunities, she noted. She cited private studies to show what could happen if women were afforded fuller economic participation. A Goldman Sachs report says America's GDP would grow by 9 percent if barriers to women's workforce par-

ticipation were lowered. Clinton said the increases for European countries that use the euro as their currency would be 13 percent, and Japan's 16 percent. She cited a Boston Consulting Group survey concluding that women will control \$15 trillion in global spending by the year 2014 and be responsible for two-thirds of consumer spending worldwide by 2028.

"There is a stimulative and ripple effect that kicks in when women have greater access to jobs and the economic lives of our countries," Clinton said. She listed greater political stability, fewer military conflicts, more food and better educational opportunity for children. □

Stock market finishes their second-best week in a year

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NEW YORK (AP) —

The stock market finished its second-best week in a year Friday as Europe's debt problems appeared to get closer to a resolution.

Stocks ended higher for a fifth straight day, the longest winning streak in 2 1/2 months. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 75 points after Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner called on European finance ministers at a meeting in Poland to reach a solution on Greece's debt problems.

The Standard & Poor's 500 finished the week with a 5.4 percent gain.

It was the biggest increase for the broad market index since the first week of July. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 75.91 points, or 0.7 percent, to close at 11,509.09.

The Dow jumped 186 points Thursday, its biggest gain of the week, after five central

banks said they would act together to support European lenders with unlimited dollar loans.

The S&P index gained 6.90, or 0.6 percent, to 1,216.01. The Nasdaq added 15.24, or 0.6 percent to 2,622.31. Nine of the 10 company types in the S&P index rose. Energy companies fell 0.1 percent.

Officials from countries that use the euro met in Poland to discuss solutions to the long-simmering debt problems affecting the region. The group said it would not decide until next month whether Greece has qualified for its next round of bailout money. Investors had been hoping the question would be decided sooner. Antony Conroy, head trader for BNY ConvergeX Group, said traders' sentiment was mixed. Some were picking up stocks they thought were undervalued, while others were selling because of long-term concerns about Europe.

"Even though we've had

a good couple of days, people still believe there's a good chance that the credit crisis in Europe is going to cause something like a 2008 event," he said.

Stocks rose every day this week, their first five-day winning streak since July. The rose 4.7 percent this week but is still down 0.9 percent for the month. The S&P is down 0.2 percent in September.

In corporate news, BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. plunged 19 percent to \$23.93 after reporting sharply lower revenue and income. The company faces stiff competition from Apple Inc.'s iPhone and phones that use Google Inc.'s Android software. RIM has lost 59 percent of its value this year. The company said in July it would lay off 10 percent of its work force.

Nefflix Inc. lost 26 percent over the past two days, \$155.19, after the movie-rental company lowered its forecast of U.S. subscribers.



Traders Jennifer Lee and Edward Radziewicz, second left, work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

Associated Press

Online retailer Ebay jumped 5 percent to \$33.69 after an analyst upgraded the company because of expected growth in its PayPal

division. Diamond Foods, maker of Pop Secret popcorn, soared 12 percent to \$87.30 after its profits beat expectations. □

Foreign Treasury holdings fell during debt debate

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The two biggest foreign buyers of U.S. Treasury securities kept investing during a tense fight in Washington over raising the government's borrowing limit. But overall foreign holdings fell for only the second time in more than two years, a sign that some investors worried about a possible default.

The Treasury Department's monthly report issued Friday showed that China, the biggest buyer of U.S. Treasury debt, increased its investments for a fourth straight month. Japan, the second-largest buyer, also invested more after cutting holdings the previous month.

But total holdings dipped 0.4 percent to \$4.48 trillion in July, the second decline since April 2009. Russia, India and the Caribbean banking centers, which includes the Bahamas and Bermuda, all trimmed their holdings.

Congress and the Obama administration reached a deal on Aug. 2 to increase the nation's borrowing limit by more than \$2 trillion. The agreement was approved just hours before the U.S. faced a potential default on its debt.

Analysts said the near-default rattled some investors, especially those overseas. Days after the deal was reached, Standard & Poor's downgraded the credit rating on long-term U.S. debt one notch from AAA to AA+.

The biggest investors kept buying. China's holdings rose 0.7 percent to \$1.17 trillion. Japan's holdings increased 0.4 percent to \$914.8 billion. The United Kingdom, the third-largest buyer, boosting its holdings 1.4 percent to \$352.5 billion.

Net purchases of long-term securities, a category that includes not only U.S. government debt but also bonds sold by U.S. corporations, increased \$95 billion in July. But others appeared to be concerned. Caribbean banking centers cut its holdings 12.1 percent to \$124.5 billion; Russia slashed its investments 8.7 percent to \$100.2 billion. The decline in foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury securities came in the private sector. Those holdings dipped 1.3 percent to \$1.24 trillion in July. The larger holdings by foreign governments and central banks were down a slight 0.1 percent to \$3.24 trillion in July. Governments account for roughly 72 percent of total foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury debt. □

Business Briefs

Berkshire Hathaway closes on \$9B Lubrizol deal



In this file photo taken Oct. 5, 2010, Warren Buffett, chairman and chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway.

Associated Press

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) — Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. has completed its \$9 billion purchase of specialty chemical maker Lubrizol Corp.

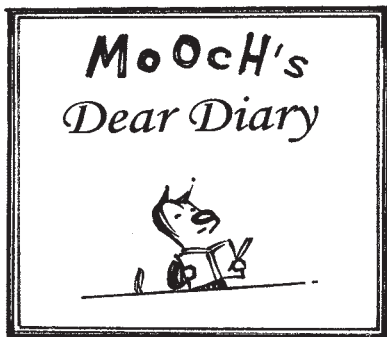
The deal, announced in March, crossed its last hurdle — approval by Chinese regulators — on Wednesday.

It became controversial after it was revealed that former Berkshire executive David Sokol had bought nearly 100,000 Lubrizol shares for about \$100 apiece in early January, when he knew Lubrizol's board had been discussing a possible Berkshire acquisition. Sokol wound up resigning. Berkshire later said Sokol, believed to have been in line to succeed Buffett as CEO, violated the company's insider trading and ethics policies. Lubrizol shareholders voted in June to support the sale at \$135 per share. Berkshire will assume about \$700 million in Lubrizol debt.

The shares fell a penny to \$134.98 Friday afternoon. □



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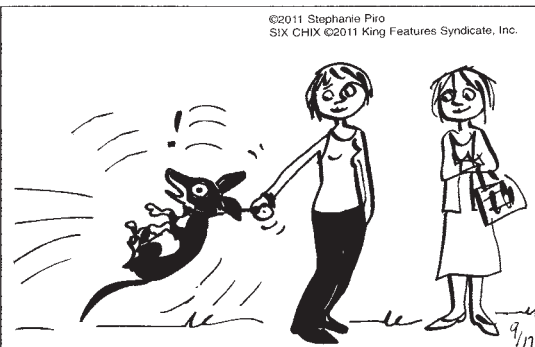
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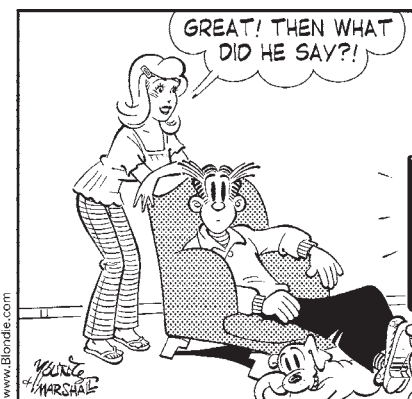
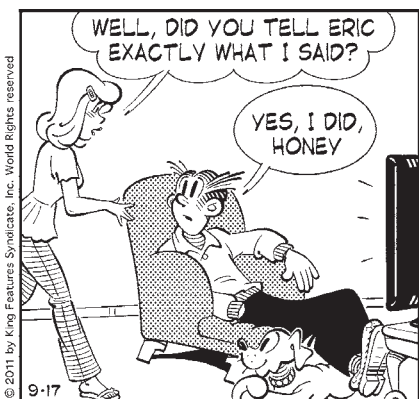
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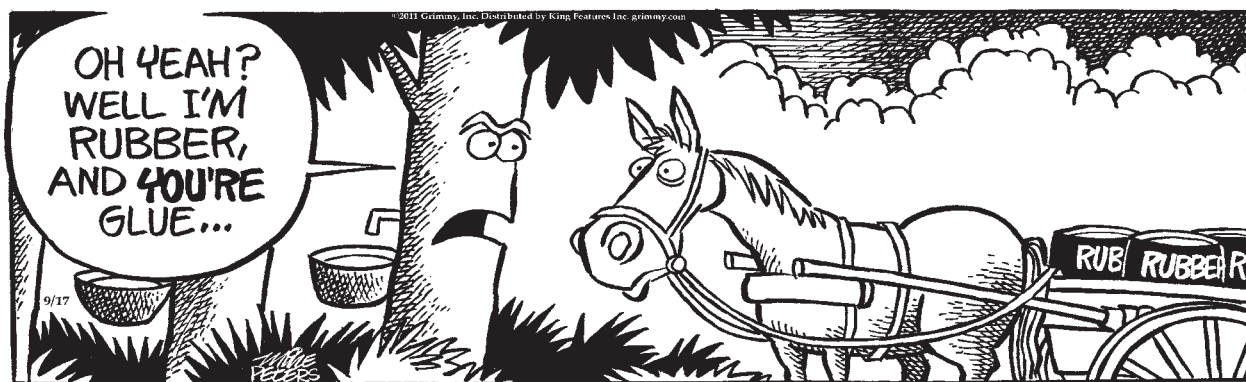
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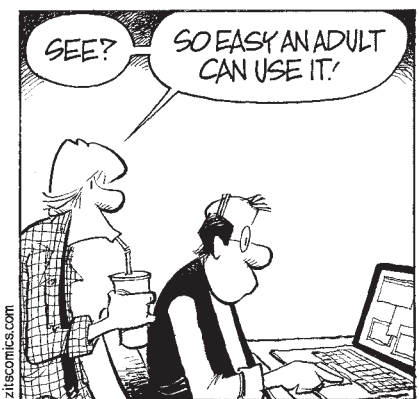


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1		5	3			7
	3			8		
8						2
		3	4			
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2		1	6			5

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

7	1	6	9	4	8	3	5	2
2	4	9	7	5	3	8	1	6
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6	3	2	8	1	5	4	9	7
8	9	7	4	3	2	1	6	5
3	6	8	1	2	9	5	7	4
4	7	5	3	8	6	9	2	1
9	2	1	5	7	4	6	8	3

ACROSS

- 1 Third month
- 6 Attired
- 10 Overlook
- 14 Maui greeting
- 15 Nurse's helper
- 16 Notion
- 17 Neighbor of India
- 18 Lunchtime
- 19 Actor _____
Patrick Harris
- 20 Elbow grease
- 22 Bonkers
- 24 Ridicule; taunt
- 25 VW bugs
- 26 Washington's Mount St. _____
- 29 Birch variety
- 30 New Year's ____;
January 31
- 31 Waterbirds
- 33 Demise
- 37 Ridge of rocks
- 39 Of the schnoz
- 41 Italy's dollar
before the euro
- 42 Boo-boo
- 44 Heed one's
alarm clock
- 46 Building site
- 47 Stares
openmouthed
- 49 Visitors
- 51 Walk unsteadily
- 54 Depend
- 55 Kudos
- 56 Equestrians
- 60 Few and far
between
- 61 Entreaty
- 63 Burning
- 64 Wedding vows
- 65 Black-____ peas
- 66 Capital of
Tunisia
- 67 Man, for short
- 68 Communists
- 69 Vote into office

DOWN

- 1 Horse's neck
hair
- 2 Trebek of TV
- 3 Lasso
- 4 Fee
- 5 Ceasing
- 6 Narrow boat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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67					68				69			

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

BOW	AHEAD	PAST
EPIC	SEDGE	ONTO
DUDE	PAGES	ITEM
SENSELESS	SIPS	
SANS	EGO	
PATOIS	ARRANGES	
SNARL	PLOTS	OAT
ANTS	FEEDS	HUGE
LIE	PEERS	BELLE
MERCHANT	FOLDED	
HIS	VEAL	
INCA	IMMENSITY	
LEAF	BEARD	SOUL
LIFE	LARGE	HALE
SLED	ENTER	DEE

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- 43 Scraps of cloth
- 45 Throb
- 48 Eye
- 50 Gorgeous
woman
- 51 Bit of parsley
- 52 Exchange
- 53 Baseball's
Hank ____
- 54 "All ____ lead to
Rome"
- 56 Pay attention to
- 57 Belonging to
me
- 58 Singer Clapton
- 59 Robin's home
- 62 Caustic soap
ingredient

Today In History

The Associated Press
Today is Saturday, September 17, the 260th day of 2011. There are 105 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1595 - Pope Clement VII absolves Henry VI, a former Protestant, and recognizes him as King of France.

1631 - Swedish-Saxon army under Gustav II Adolf of Sweden destroys the Catholic army at Breitenfeld, Germany, marking the rise of Sweden as a major power.

1665 - Bubonic plague breaks out in London.

1730 - Ahmet XII is deposed, and is succeeded by Mahmoud I in Turkey.

1787 - U.S. Constitution is signed by a majority of delegates attending the constitutional convention in Philadelphia.

1862 - Union forces fight a Confederate invasion in Maryland in the American Civil War Battle of Antietam. There were 23,100 killed, wounded or captured, making it the bloodiest day in U.S. military history.

1900 - Proclamation of Commonwealth of Australia as Federal Union of the Six Colonies.

1935 - Manuel Quezon is elected first President of the Philippine Commonwealth.

1939 - The Soviet Union invades Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany launched its assault.

1944 - The Battle of Arnhem begins with an Allied airborne landing in the Netherlands.

1948 - Sweden's Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator in Arab-Israeli conflict over Palestine, is slain near Jerusalem by Jewish terrorists.

1949 - Fire destroys Noronic, the largest passenger steamer on Great Lakes, at Toronto pier, in Canada, killing more than 130 people.

1957 - Troops led by Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, Thai Army Commander in Chief, seize control of the Thailand government and ousts Premier Pibul Songgram in a bloodless coup.

1963 - Malaysia breaks off



Today is John Ritter's birthday.

diplomatic relations with Indonesia because of what it describes as President Sukarno's increased hostility.

1964 - United States discloses development of two weapons systems capable of intercepting and destroying armed satellites circling the earth.

1967 - A riot during a soccer game in Turkey kills 42 people and injures 600 others.

1970 - Open warfare erupts in Jordan between King Hussein's army and Palestinian guerrillas, precipitating world crisis.

1978 - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin sign an agreement for Middle East peace at Camp David, United States.

1980 - Exiled Nicaraguan leader Anastasio Somoza is assassinated in an explosion that wrecks his car in Asuncion, Paraguay.

down on February 7, 1996, when his term as president legally ends.

1996 - U.S. President Bill Clinton dispatches 3,500 Army soldiers to Kuwait and warns Iraq of new attacks should it threaten neighboring countries or U.S. forces.

1999 - About 30,000 people are evacuated from the Gulf Coast Mexican states of Tabasco and Veracruz, where a week of heavy rainfall caused several rivers to overflow and about a dozen deaths.

2003 - Colombian officials sign a non-extradition pact covering U.S. citizens sought by the International Criminal Court in The Hague, the Netherlands.

2004 - Mexico's President Vicente Fox and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi sign a free trade agreement to ease Mexico's reliance on the U.S. while encouraging Japan to move factories there.

2005 - Palestinian forces seal off five major breaches along Gaza's porous southern border, firing warning shots in the air and clashing with stone-throwing crowds, in their strongest effort yet to halt the chaotic flood of people in and out of Egypt since Israel's withdrawal from the area.

2006 - Typhoon Shanshan sweeps toward southwestern Japan with fierce winds and heavy rains, leaving at

least five people dead or missing and injuring more than 100.

2007 - Opposition candidate Ernest Bai Koroma wins Sierra Leone's presidential run-off and vows to adopt zero tolerance on corruption.

2009 - President Barack Obama abruptly cancels a long-planned missile shield for Eastern Europe, replacing a Bush-era project that was bitterly opposed by Russia with a plan he contends will better defend against a growing threat of Iranian missiles.

2010 - Hurricane Karl smashes into Mexico's Gulf Coast, creating havoc in the major port city of Veracruz and forcing the country to shut down its only nuclear power plant and its central Gulf Coast oil platforms.

Today's Birthdays:

Marie-Jean Caritat, French philosopher (1743-1794); Sir Francis Chichester, British sailor (1901-1972); Hank Williams, U.S. musician (1923-1953); Anne Bancroft, U.S. actress (1931-2005); Ken Kesey, U.S. author (1935-2001); John Ritter, U.S. actor (1948-2003); Baz Luhrmann, Australian director (1962--).

Thought For Today:

There is no grief which time does not lessen and soften — Cicero, Roman scholar (106-43 B.C.).

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Foundation Amor pa Prohimo
Tel: 583-3354 / 586-6976
Women in Difficulties Foundation
Tel: 583-5400



Gene Wilde, left, a Texas Tech professor of aquatic biology, and research assistant Aaron Urbanczyk sort through minnows, looking for endangered fish from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River in a rural area just west of Sagerton, Texas, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

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Rare minnows rescued from Texas river amid drought

By ANGELA K. BROWN
BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Wading through a muddy river bed to reach shallow pools of water, wildlife biologists scooped up hundreds of minnows Friday in one of the first rescues of fish threatened by the state's worst drought in decades. The scientists collected smalleye shiners and sharpnose shiners from the Brazos River — about 2,300 on Thursday and 800 Friday. The fish, which are found only in the Brazos and nowhere else in the world, are both candidates to be listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act. They will be taken to the state's fish hatchery near Possum Kingdom Lake but returned to the river when the drought abates.

Scientists used a large net to scoop up dozens of fish at a time Friday morning near Sagerton, about 150 miles west of Fort Worth. Both types of 2-inch-long minnows are shiny and have other distinctive features, making them easy for scientists to spot and put in buckets, while throwing other fish caught in the nets back in the water, said Kevin Mayes, an aquatic biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. With the water drying up in the drought, the minnows don't have the 100 miles of river they need to reproduce. And, their life span is just two years, Mayes said. Game fish like catfish and largemouth bass eat the minnows, making them an important part of the ecosystem, he said.

A team rescued 110 federally threatened Arkansas

River shiners and 60 peppered chubs from the Canadian River in the Texas Panhandle near the New Mexico border last week and took them to a federal fish hatchery in Oklahoma. Gene Wilde, a Texas Tech University fish ecology professor who led the team, said he believes that effort was the first fish rescue in Texas during this severe drought. "We value these species and they are an important part of the Texas natural heritage, so we're trying to prevent losing them in this drought," Wilde said, referring to both rescue efforts.

Large fish rescues are rare, but they could become more common for fish, reptiles and amphibians as the drought persists. Texas is home to 86 species considered endangered or threatened. The San Saba, Colorado and Llano rivers are home to several species of mussels, some of which are listed as threatened in Texas and for which petitions are pending for federal status. Several federally endangered species — including the fountain darter and the Texas blind salamander — could need rescuing from the Comal and San Marcos Springs, south of Austin. If stream flows drop to predetermined levels, biologists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will evacuate as many samples of the species as possible.

About 88 percent of the state is in the worst stage of drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday. Texas just finished its driest 11 months on record and is in its worst single-year drought ever. It also had the hottest June through August on record in the U.S. □

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Marc Jacobs closes NY Fashion Week with dance hall

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Marc Jacobs closed the curtain on New York Fashion Week with a dance hall theme that confirmed some trends for spring and created new ones with a mix of cellophane effects, Western-style shapes and drop-waist dresses.

With a line of models draped over chairs Thursday night, Jacobs mined different eras to define the new look for next season.

The 1920s, '60s and what might pass for blase in the year 2050 were represented in baby blue, grass green, wine red and luminescent white. Some models wore clear ankle boots and others walked in modernesque turbans. There were beads, athletic influences and tons of tiered skirts.

Stephanie Solomon, vice president for fashion direction at Bloomingdale's, saw Paris in the Jazz Age — fast-forwarded to today. "It was the speakeasy for the summer

of 2011," she said, "but when you looked at the innovative fabrics and how he styled it, it was very, very modern."

Jacobs, the industry darling, usually shows earlier during the New York previews, before editors, retailers and stylists flee for Europe. But he changed his slot this go-around to allow more time for deliveries slowed by Hurricane Irene.

Joe Zee, Elle's creative director, could get used to this. "To end the week like this is how it should be. It's like he's the director of this great production," he said. "I love that it's not a literal interpretation of any one thing. It's a potpourri that works."

Other collections that debuted Thursday included Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein, also very influential runways, and they, too, solidified some must-haves. Put a great blazer or jacket at the top of the list, said Solomon.

"I'm not talking standard black blazers — it's anything but," she said.



The Bill Blass Spring 2012 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)



Fashion from the Spring 2012 Calvin Klein collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Lauren featured "Great Gatsby" wide-legged suits — some paired with men's ties that looked more Tom than Daisy — and Klein's Francisco Costa showed long silk and jacquard coats, worn like robes over slip dresses. Imagine the muse of a wartime spy, dashing out in the dark. Another classic American brand, Bill Blass, preserved the past and forged a future in the hands of Jeffrey Monteiro. He was chosen almost two years ago to revive the line after years of tough going for the company. He showed familiar, impeccably tailored navy coats and blazers, but underneath a navy twill pea-coat was a bandeau top.

RALPH LAUREN

The intersection of sportswear and elegance happens on the Lauren runway. It gives him a place on the American fashion scene like no one else. There was a feminine hint of ruffle in a floral print, optic white menswear suits, luxe liquidlike fabrics and Deco beading were all part of Lauren's reimagining of '20s style.

Lauren showed great skill in balancing simple shapes the hardest thing to do well — with glamorous details: an ostrich feather scarf here or beaded bag there.

The ivory skirt suit with a hammered-satin tank top, accessorized with an embroidered linen clutch bag and ivory sandal is a lot harder to pull off than something drip-



The Marc Jacobs Spring 2012 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

ping with decoration. "He's so renowned for desirable, memorable and modern clothes," said Glenda Bailey, editor in chief of Harper's Bazaar. Virginia Smith, fashion market director at Vogue, added: "It's sort of Ralph Lauren's world and we're living in it." She especially liked the gowns

— the knockout floral lame and the off-the-shoulder goddess style — among them. "They were a tour de force." Olivia Wilde seemed to show particular interest in the robin's egg-blue georgette dress with beading on one hip. How fast can the Lauren team get that gown on the plane for Sunday's Emmy Awards? □



CNN's Anderson Cooper

A big twist in a career, but not quite a '360'

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"Anderson," a new syndicated daytime talk show, has been on only a week, and viewers already know more about Anderson Cooper than they've learned in the decade he has spent as a CNN anchor and correspondent. Cooper is opening up about everything, almost.

On Monday he plans to show an interview with his famous mother, the exquisitely preserved Gloria Vanderbilt, 87. In it they go over her tragedy-filled youth, and his. Cooper chokes up as they discuss his brother's suicide in 1988. He and his mother hold hands while a family friend, Judy Collins, takes the stage to sing "Amazing Grace."

Last week Cooper confided that he went on vacation in Colombia recently with a friend who had just come out of rehab, but he didn't name the friend. He did, however, show photographs of himself, bare-chested and plastered with goop from a volcano mud bath near Cartagena.

Cooper got a spray tan with Snooki of "Jersey Shore," mugged side by side with his wax likeness from Madame Tussauds, and compared childhoods with Sarah Jessica Parker. (When he was 11 his mother took him to Studio 54 — with Michael Jackson.)

He invited the comedian Kathy Griffin and a camera crew for a weekend at his summer house in the Hamptons. He and his high-maintenance guest romped in his bed and poolside; she complained that he didn't have servants. Cooper said he liked it like that but didn't explain who looks after his dog, Molly, when he goes off on assignment. The one thing he hasn't done yet — and the lacuna grows more obvious and awkward with each show — is talk about his love life. It's hard to see how he can continue to leave that out selectively and preserve one particular zone of privacy while building a confessional talk show wrapped around his good looks, high spirits and glamorous adventures.

Cooper still covers news on "Anderson Cooper 360" on CNN, but he clearly hopes to fill a vacuum left by the end of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," because he has pulled out all the stops to embrace daytime television's loosey-goosey ethos, perhaps trying to stake out his territory before Katie Couric starts her talk show on ABC next year. Last week Cooper commiserated with the family of Amy Winehouse; on Friday he spoke to some of the cast of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" about the suicide of Taylor Armstrong's estranged husband, Russell. (Taylor Armstrong did not participate.)

And it is remarkable, given his hard-news background, how quickly Cooper has adapted to the format and his fancy, light-filled set overlooking Columbus Circle. In the intro Cooper glides through New York on his bike, no helmet, waving at cab drivers. Onstage he jokes with movie stars, comforts guests and strolls with his microphone into the studio audience, sharing his feelings. □

Fall TV review:

Witches, dinosaurs and haunted houses, oh my!

GLENN TEICHMAN

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In a fall TV season featuring new shows about fairy tale characters, witches, dinosaurs, evil twins and haunted houses, the biggest story surprisingly focuses on the man who will replace self-proclaimed warlock Charlie Sheen on "Two and A Half Men." Ashton Kutcher joins the cast of the successful CBS sitcom on Monday (Sept. 19) as eccentric Internet billionaire Walden Schmidt who apparently moves into the home of the now-deceased Charlie Harper (Sheen). Expect a change in the formula as Kutcher's character will be extremely different from Sheen's caddish ladies' man. Otherwise, the rest of the cast is back, as is creator Chuck Lorre (who Sheen portrayed as Public Enemy No. 1).

Another popular show gets a big face-lift this season as James Spader assumes the role as the Dunder Mifflin chief executive in "The Office," returning Thursday (Sept. 22) on NBC. Steve Carell, who winningly played office manager Michael Scott, departed toward the end of last season, throwing the workplace into flux. Expect Spader's CEO, who first appeared in last season's finale to serve as a new foil for the staff. But let's get back to those new shows. More than two dozen premieres are headed your way in the next several weeks, and a few already premiered. But who has time for that much television? For the sake of your social life and your DVR's hard drive, here are the ones to look for:

"Up All Night" (8 p.m. Wednesdays, NBC, premiered at 10 p.m. Wednesday): Parenthood is played for laughs in this funny, heartfelt sitcom starring comedic veterans Will Arnett ("Arrested Development"), Christina Applegate ("Samantha Who") and Maya Rudolph ("Bridesmaids").

Arnett and Applegate play parents juggling a new baby with their old lives. Like "Modern Family," this show reminds you of the absurdities of real life, like that first grocery trip with the baby.

"Terra Nova" (8 p.m. Mondays, Fox, premieres Sept.

20): Indie film star Zooey Deschanel brings her quirky and cute persona to the small screen with this buddy comedy. Deschanel (sister of "Bones" star Emily Deschanel) stars as Jess, a shy teacher who finds her life up-ended and then moves in with three single guys.



Featured, Steve Carell, who winningly played office manager Michael Scott, departed toward the end of last season, throwing the workplace into flux.

26): Mankind's best chance for the future lies in the past in this family action-adventure from producer Steven Spielberg. Jason O'Mara stars as a police officer and father who takes his family from the smog-filled doomed future to the pristine prehistoric past where humanity is setting up a new civilization. But there's trouble in paradise as a splinter colony forms and mean dinosaurs lurk. Combining "Jurassic Park" thrills with "Lost" mysteries, the show also tries to keep it about the family. Stephen Lang ("Avatar") co-stars.

"Once Upon A Time" (8 p.m. Sundays, ABC, premieres Oct. 23): Fairy tale characters are exiled into the real world with no memories of their past lives. The only one who can save them from the mundane existence of paying bills and working 9-to-5 jobs is a bail/bond collector (Jennifer Morrison of "House") with ties to the fable world. An interesting premise and a solid cast give me hope for the stories to come.

"New Girl" (9 p.m. Tuesdays, Fox, premieres Sept.

She steals the show with her adorable and dorky performance. And there's a call out to "Dirty Dancing."

"Person of Interest" (9 p.m. Thursdays, CBS, premieres Thursday): Jim Caviezel and Michael Emerson (Ben on "Lost") star in this paranoid thriller from J.J. Abrams ("Lost") and Jonathan Nolan ("The Dark Knight"). Emerson plays an enigmatic computer whiz who creates a global security system to detect terrorists, but soon learns that his system also can prevent other crimes from occurring. He enlists an off-the-grid, ex-CIA agent to help him. But their secretive efforts might not go undetected, and Big Brother is always watching.

"Person of Interest" takes the crime procedural genre into dangerous territory, and the two leads have charisma to spare. "Ringer" (9 p.m. Tuesdays, CW, premiered Sept. 13): "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" star Sarah Michelle Gellar returns to television in this psychological thrill ride in which she plays twin sisters, both with secrets to hide. □

Is it weird enough yet?



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Every time I listen to Gov. Rick Perry of Texas and Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota talk about how climate change is some fraud perpetrated by scientists trying to gin up money for research, I'm always reminded of one of my favorite movie lines that Jack Nicholson delivers to his needy neighbor who knocks on his door in the film "As Good As It Gets." "Where do they teach you to talk like this?" asks Nicholson. "Sell crazy someplace else. We're all stocked up here."

Thanks Perry and Bachmann, but we really are all stocked up on crazy right now. I mean, here is the Texas governor rejecting the science of climate change while his own state is on fire – after the worst droughts on record have propelled wildfires to devour an area the size of Connecticut. As a statement by the Texas Forest Service said last week: "No one on the face of this earth has ever fought fires in these extreme conditions."

Remember the first rule of global warming. The way it unfolds is really "global weirding." The weather gets weird: The hots get hotter; the wets wetter; and the dries get drier. This is not a hoax. This is high school physics, as Katharine Hayhoe, a climatologist in Texas, explained on Joe Romm's invaluable Climateprogress.org blog: "As our atmosphere becomes warmer, it can hold more water vapor. Atmospheric circulation patterns shift, bringing more rain to some places and less to others. For example, when a storm comes, in many cases there is more water available in the atmosphere and rainfall is heavier. When a drought comes, often temperatures are already higher than they would have been 50 years ago, and so the effects of the drought are magnified by higher evaporation rates."

CNN reported Sept. 9 that "Texas had the distinction of experiencing the warmest summer on record of any state in America, with an average of 86.8 degrees. Dallas residents sweltered for 40 consecutive days of grueling 100-plus degree temperatures. ... Temperature-related energy demands soared more than 22 percent above the norm this summer, the largest increase since record-keeping of energy demands began more than a century ago."

There is still much we don't know about how climate change will unfold, but it is no hoax. We need to start taking steps, as our scientists urge, "to manage the unavoidable and avoid the unmanageable." If you want a quick primer on the latest climate science, tune in to "24 Hours of Reality."

It is a worldwide live, online update that can be found at climateresearchproject.org and will be going on from Sept. 14-15, over 24 hours, with contributors from 24 time zones. Not only has the science of climate change come under attack lately, so has the economics of green jobs. Here the critics have a point – sort of. I wasn't surprised to read that the solar panel company Solyndra, which got \$535 million in loan guarantees from the Department of Energy to make solar panels in America, filed for bankruptcy protection two weeks ago and laid off 1,100 workers.

This story is an embarrassment to the green jobs movement, but the death by bankruptcy was a collaboration of the worst Democratic and Republican impulses. How so? There is only one effective, sustainable way to produce "green jobs," and that is with a fixed, durable, long-term price signal that raises the price of dirty fuels and thereby creates sustained consumer demand for, and sustained private sector investment in, renewables. Without a carbon tax or gasoline tax or cap-and-trade system that makes renewable energies competitive with dirty fuels, while they achieve scale and move down the cost curve, green jobs will remain a hobby.

President Barack Obama has chosen not to push for a price signal for political reasons. He has opted for using regulations and government funding. In the area of regulation, he deserves great credit for just pushing through new fuel economy standards that will ensure that by 2025 the average U.S. car will get the mileage (and have the emissions) of today's Prius hybrid. But elsewhere, Obama has relied on green subsidies rather than a price signal. Some of this has really helped start-ups leverage private capital, but you also get Solyndras. □



The Bachmann chronicles



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Let's talk about Michele Bachmann.

Look, you should thank me for not bringing up Greek debt. Afghan violence. Economic indicators. Show some appreciation.

Bachmann is a challenge for feminist-friendly voters. Was it sexist to talk about her migraine problem? For Newsweek to run the cover that made her look like a well-groomed zombie? Should we have applauded the Iowa Republicans when they put a woman at the top of their presidential preference list, even if the woman in question blamed government spending for the earthquake in Washington?

Wow, it seems like we went through all this with Sarah Palin yesterday.

Women tend to do well in almost any new enterprise where there's not a lot of stratification and seniority. So it's not surprising the Tea Party has a number of female stars. But isn't it sort of strange that they're all extremely attrac-

tive to the point of hot? You'd think there'd be a gray hair or a wattle somewhere.

As we've all learned, Bachmann's strong points are her passion and determination, while her weak ones include a rather free-floating relationship with reality. This week, she scored a Tea Party version of a home run when she laced into Rick Perry for trying to require girls in Texas public schools to be vaccinated against HPV, a sexually transmitted disease that can cause cervical cancer. "I'm a mom, and I'm a mom of three children," she said, neglecting for what may have been the first time in the campaign to mention that she also fostered 23 others. Let's stop a minute on the mom point. How often should a female candidate with children bring that up? My suggestion would be: frequently enough that we can appreciate a special sympathy for issues like early childhood education. But not so often that you could imagine it being her first comment during negotiations with North Korea over plutonium processing. Except that Michele Bachmann does not seem to have a special sympathy for early childhood education. So forget it.

About the vaccine. It's been proved to be effective in reducing cervical cancer in sexually active women, and it apparently works best if you begin the shots around age 12. The intense opposition from the social right appears to be based on the idea that once the kids had the shots they'd be more likely to have sex. Or, in the convoluted and creepy words of Rick Santo-

rum: "Unless Texas has a very progressive way of communicating diseases in their school by way of their curriculum, then there is no government purpose served for having little girls inoculated at the force and compulsion of the government."

Then, Bachmann tossed in another argument: Vaccines are dangerous. "I had a mother last night come up to me ... she told me her little daughter took that vaccine, that injection and she suffered from mental retardation thereafter," Bachmann told one TV interviewer after another.

OK, hold the phone. Let's presume that Bachmann is being accurate and that the woman in question was not someone she heard about from a friend of a friend's cousin in Xenia, Ohio. What would you expect a candidate for president of the United States to do after such an encounter? Take a name? Investigate the case? Would a contender for the White House – or even the Zoning Board of Appeals – just blurt out something they heard from a stranger that could discourage parents from accepting vaccinations that could save their children's lives?

The Bachmann campaign did not respond to my questions about who the woman was or what the candidate did to check out the information. So I guess maybe, yeah.

Before we bid adieu to Michele Bachmann, let's look at her other charge against Perry: that the governor tried to start a vaccination program because he got campaign contributions from the vaccine's maker, Merck. □

Oscar time: Film fests preview awards prospects



Actors, from left, Jonathan Pryce, Hugh Dancy, Maggie Gyllenhaal and director Tanya Wexler pose at a news conference promoting the film "Hysteria" during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, 2011.

(AP Photo/Aaron Vincent Elkaim)

DAVID GERMAIN AP Movie Writer

TORONTO (AP) — Now that the summer blockbusters have been tucked away, it's time for Hollywood's next big season: the marathon haul to Academy Awards night.

The Toronto International Film Festival that runs through Sunday and the recently wrapped Telluride and Venice film fests are the usual starting points for awards season, with studios trotting out contenders months ahead of time to spark Oscar buzz.

Unlike last year, when eventual Oscar champ "The King's Speech" charged out of the festival circuit as the film to beat, a mixed bag has emerged so far this time. Festival films have showcased great performances from past Oscar winners and nominees, among them George Clooney, Glenn Close, Vanessa Redgrave and Ryan Gosling. The Toronto festival also has some searing performances from emerging stars, including Michael Fassbender's full-frontal turn as a sex addict in "Shame," which earned him the best-actor prize at the Venice festival just before Toronto. No matter how it all plays out on Oscar night Feb. 26, the odds are that many nominees will have got-

ten their start at the late-summer festivals. Five of the last six best-picture winners played one or more of the Telluride, Venice and Toronto fests, including 2009's "The Hurt Locker" and 2008's "Slumdog Millionaire."

Studios once unveiled more awards contenders later in the year. But when the Oscars moved from late March to late February a few years back, Hollywood scrambled to get their prestige films in the pipeline sooner to get the awards hype going.

"With the new Oscar dates, Toronto has really become the launching ground for the Oscar season," said Tom Bernard, co-president of Sony Pictures Classics. Clooney — who had 2005 writing and directing nominations for "Good Night, and Good Luck" and won a supporting-actor Oscar for "Syriana" the same year — is back with two films at Toronto that could compete for awards.

He directed and co-starred in the political thriller "The Ides of March," which features a powerful performance from Gosling as a campaign press secretary who stumbles into a scandal. And Clooney delivers a heartbreaking turn as a neglectful father forced to step up his parenting

after his wife falls into an accident-induced coma in "The Descendants," from director Alexander Payne ("Sideways").

Two-time Oscar nominee Brad Pitt already earned awards chatter last spring for "The Tree of Life," filmmaker Terrence Malick's challenging family saga that won the top prize at Cannes. Pitt came to Toronto with his baseball tale "Moneyball," putting in a flamboyant performance as iconoclastic Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane.

Pitt likes the thought that awards attention can help films find an audience, but he's uneasy at the prospect of the months of glad-handing and public appearances that go along with Oscar season.

"I don't want to spend any time thinking about it," Pitt said. "It's really nice when your number comes up, and it's really nice when your friends' numbers come up. In fact, that's even nicer. You've got something to root for, and ultimately, you don't have to give up your Sunday. "There's a reason they call it a season now. I wish they would just combine them all into one. Can't we just make it one day? Everyone conglomerates, get it over, and then we can enjoy our lives." □

Tom Ford adds to glitz to London Fashion Week

GREGORY KATZ Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — By day, London may look the same — downbeat commuters, snarled traffic, headaches galore. But after dark the city will be sparkling on Friday as London Fashion Week spawns dozens of catwalk shows, parties, and ever-more-exclusive after-parties.

If you're going, rest assured that there is always one more party a bit more posh than the one you're attending, unless your name happens to be Natalia (as in Vodianova, the Anglicized Russian "it" girl with the stunning cheekbones) or Gisele.

The unveiling of the spring and summer 2012 collections — this time including a show by Tom Ford, the latest A-plus fashion star to embrace London's catwalk — marks an unofficial end to London's riot-torn, phone-hacked summer and, hopefully, kicks off a bumper fall social season. The sound of champagne being uncorked can't come soon enough for people whose businesses were hurt by the widespread rioting and looting

that struck London and other British cities in August, events that put a damper on night life that only now seems about to lift.

"It's something positive, it's a good thing in many ways, and it's not rioting," said Charles Gilkes, co-owner of several London bars and clubs, including Barts, Maggie's and Bunga Bunga. "It means more people are out and about during the week."

He said the majority of Londoners aren't aware of fashion week, but that for a small segment of the population, including many in the service industry, the catwalk shows and the spinoff trade they create, are the most important time of the year.

There is a ripple effect that goes far beyond the shows, with many of the capital's finest stores sponsoring gala parties or exclusive cocktail receptions. Many Bond Street boutiques — the kind where seriously nice accessories costs seriously large amounts of money — stayed open late last Thursday as part of Vogue's Fashion Night Out, now a fashion week tradition □



A model displays a Spring/Summer design by Jesus Del Pozo during the Pasarela Cibeles fashion show, in Madrid, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

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